Working...and Sleeping...

Soil survey workers haven’t always had the best accommodations during field work. This dug-out barn in eastern Montana served as sleeping quarters for Roy Simonson and his crew during the 1930s while doing land evaluation work along the Missouri River prior to construction of the Fort Peck Dam. Roy Simonson told stories about waking up in the morning to a bed covered in a thin layer of sod from the sod roof. Photo courtesy of Roy Simonson.

Class in Session

Rod Arkley of University of California–Berkeley (right) addresses the Soil Science 105 class, “Field Studies of Soils in California Ecosystems,” at Turlock Lake in central California. John McColl (UC Berkeley) and Gordon Huntington (UC Davis) hold the map showing soil stratigraphy. The class was first taught in the 1930s and continues to this day.

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Field Trip!

April Ulery inspecting a wall of a tourmaline mine near Pala, California during an informal field trip before the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Annual Meetings. Dr. Ulery is a Professor of Soil and Environmental Science at New Mexico State University. April is also the 2011 Chair of the ASA-CSSA-SSSA Book and Multimedia Committee. If you have any publication ideas or proposals please contact her at aulery@nmsu.edu.