

The finder spoke anonymously to the media for the first time on September 23, 2020, and he was later identified by Forrest's grandson (Shiloh) on 12/7/20 as **Jonathan "Jack" Stuef**. He is a 32-year-old former medical student and journalist. He has been collaborating with veteran journalist Daniel Barbarisi to convey further thoughts about his momentous accomplishment. The chest was found on Saturday, June 6 of 2020. He drove to Santa Fe to meet Forrest with the chest the next day.

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Shiloh offered the following explanation via Dal's website for the need to disclose information held confidential by Forrest before his death: *"On behalf of my family, I am writing to confirm the identity of the person who found, retrieved, and now owns the treasure chest that my late grandfather Forrest Fenn hid in the Rockies over 10 years ago. The finder's name is Jonathan "Jack" Stuef. Jack found the treasure chest as a result of years of careful searching, without any help from my grandfather, myself, or any other member of our family. My grandfather wanted to honor Jack's desire to remain anonymous in an effort to protect him from potential harm and harassment like my grandfather and the rest of our family have experienced over the years since the treasure was hidden, and especially since it was found. He went to great lengths and personal expense trying to help Jack retain his anonymity, and my family has continued to do so to the best of our ability up to this point. We find ourselves currently in a position, however, where it is no longer possible to continue to carry out my grandfather's wishes to keep Jack's identity confidential. As a result of a Federal Court order, we will be required by law to provide Jack's name and contact information, to the extent that we have it. Given these circumstances, we wanted to let those in the search community hear it from us directly, before we are compelled to disclose it to someone who is abusing the court system on frivolous grounds for the apparent purpose of self-aggrandizement and greed. My grandfather wanted to keep the chest's location secret even after it had been found because he feared that, if the location became known, it could be ruined by the number of people who might attempt to go to the site. The location was very special to my grandfather, and the last thing he wanted was to see it destroyed, either innocently or through malicious intent. We congratulate Jack on finding and retrieving the treasure chest, and we hope that this confirmation will help to dispel the conjecture, conspiratorial nonsense, and refusals to accept the truth. My grandfather is gone, and the chest has been found. His death, and that of my grandmother Peggy, has left a void in our lives. I know I can speak not only for my family but also for our friends in the treasure hunting community when I say that we miss them greatly.*