

Celebrate 100 Years of Service



Forest Rangers refer to their maps as they scan the Grande Ronde Valley along Summit Road 31 (1932)



Umatilla National Forest A Century of Service 1908-2008

"...where conflicting interests must be reconciled; the question will always be decided from the standpoint of the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run."

Gifford Pinchot,
Chief Forester, 1905

Come Celebrate With Us!

2008 marks the 100th anniversary of natural resource and conservation management on the Umatilla National Forest. It's a forest rich in history, culture, and tradition. And, as we celebrate our past, let's also take the time to look forward and think about the future. What history are we making today?

The Umatilla National Forest is more than just a beautiful landscape. The forest history is deeply rooted in our local communities. It's a reflection of the diversity and dedication of those who have lived and worked together to manage these public lands for those who own it, the people of the United States. It's also integral to those who visit and play here, who make a living from its natural resources, and those who breathe the clean air and drink the cool, clear waters that flow from these lands. It's also of great importance to our tribal friends and neighbors.

We've just begun to make arrangements for our centennial celebration and have already planned several exciting events. Of particular significance is that the forest will be hosting the High Desert Museum's "Century of Service Display" at the Umatilla County Historical Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton from April through September. In addition, we're planning Umapalooza on **Saturday, June 28, 2008!** Make sure to mark this date on your calendars as it will be a full day of fun, stories and history you won't want to miss.

Since we're still in the planning stage of our celebration we would like to enlist your help! We'll need assistance to carry off the activities we've already planned and to develop new ideas for other events across the Forest. If you'd like to be part of our centennial planning team, or have stories, artifacts, or ideas for other events, please contact Joani Bosworth, Public Affairs Officer at (541) 278-3716, or jbosworth@fs.fed.us.

It is the people who have worked and lived on this land that are the heart and soul of this very special place. Every employee of the Umatilla National Forest over the last 100 years has contributed and made a difference. So, whether you are a part of this Forest's past or present, I invite you to join us in celebrating and sharing a century of service.

Kevin D. Martin
Forest Supervisor

Planned Events:

April-Sept. 2008

High Desert Museum's "Forest Service - Century of Service" exhibit will be on display at the Umatilla County Historical Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton, OR.



June 28, 2008

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Forest will host their 100th anniversary celebration.

Festivities include:

- ~Music
- ~Presentations
- ~Refreshments
- ~Movies "The Greatest Good"

Forest History:

The Umatilla National Forest came into being on **July 1, 1908**, by presidential proclamation under authority of the Act of March 3, 1891. The Umatilla National Forest is now composed of what was originally three separate forests and established as follows:

- The Wenaha Forest, located in Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties in Washington, and Umatilla, Wallowa, and Union counties in Oregon, was first established on November 5, 1902, with additions made August 3, 1903, May 12, 1905, and March 1, 1907. The Wenaha National Forest extended from the old Oregon Trail highway north into Washington.
- The Heppner Forest, located in Morrow, Grant, Wheeler, and Union counties in Oregon, was first established May 29, 1903, with additions made February 13, 1905, March 8, 1905, and July 18, 1906. The Heppner National Forest comprised the entire Heppner District of today. It was renamed the Umatilla National Forest on July 1, 1908.
- The Blue Mountain National Forest lying in Umatilla and Union Counties in Oregon, east of the town of Ukiah, was first established July 28, 1902, and additions made March 15, 1906. It was renamed the Whitman National Forest on July 1, 1908. That portion of the Blue Mountain National Forest, known today as the North Fork John Day Ranger District, was transferred to the Umatilla National Forest on July 1, 1911.
- The Umatilla National Forest and the Wenaha National Forest were consolidated on November 5, 1920, and called the Umatilla National Forest with headquarters in Pendleton.



Ranger School - 1909

Umatilla National Forest Facts:



- The Forest takes its name from the Indian word meaning "water rippling over sand."
- Over 20% of the 1.4 million acres is designated Wilderness Areas
- Forest Managers administer lands within two states and 11 counties
- The Forest supports one of the largest Rocky Mountain Elk herds in the nation.

WANTED!

Yarns about the Umatilla

Do you have a fun or interesting story about working or playing on the Umatilla National Forest? We want to hear it! We hope to compile a collection of one-page, short stories about our Forest. If you'd like to contribute, please contact Joani Bosworth at (541) 278-3722, jbosworth@fs.fed.us

Other amazing events from 1908

- A ball signifying New Year's Day drops in New York City's Times Square for the 1st time.
- Grand Canyon National Monument is designated (becomes a National Park in 1919)
- Frenchman Henri Parman pilots the first passenger flight.
- Mother's Day is observed for the first time.
- Henry Ford introduces the Model T car (cost \$825)