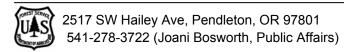
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## Walla Walla Ranger District Hosts Open House to Celebrate The Umatilla National Forest's 100 Years of Service

The Umatilla National Forest turns 100 this year and, to celebrate this centennial event, the Walla Walla Ranger District will host an open house on July 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at their newly remodeled office at 1415 West Rose in Walla Walla.

"The event is open to the public and we encourage anyone who has worked on the Walla Walla Ranger District or is interested in Forest Service history to join us for the day," said Mike Rassbach, District Ranger. A number of exhibits, photos and historic documents highlighting the forest's history and events will be on display and Smokey Bear will be on hand to greet visitors. "It's also a great time for visitors to tour the office now that the remodel is complete," said Rassbach.

For more information on the Walla Walla Ranger District Open House, please call the District office at (509) 522-6290. To learn more about the Umatilla National Forest Centennial and History, visit the forest website at <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/">http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/</a>.

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