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Celebrate Wild and Scenic Rivers at Lolo Pass

Powell, Idaho--Come celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center now through July 12.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was established on October 2, 1968, by President Lyndon Johnson. The act enables rivers with "outstanding remarkable" values to be designated and protected as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. It also protects the free flowing nature of these spectacular waterways. Local rivers protected under this act include the Lochsa, Selway, Clearwater (Middle Fork) and Salmon Rivers.

To commemorate this historic piece of legislation, the Lolo Pass Visitor Center will feature a display about Wild and Scenic Rivers of the United States. The traveling interpretive exhibit will be in the Visitor Center through July 12, 2008.

On the evening of July 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), Interpretive Ranger Danna Hartman will give a campfire program about Wild and Scenic Rivers at the Powell Campground.

The Lolo Pass Visitor Center is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Pacific Time). For more information about this event call the Lolo Pass information line at (208) 942-1234 or contact Katie Knotek at the Powell Ranger Station at (208) 942-3113.