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## **Heritage Station Museum and Umatilla National Forest Host “Century of Service Display”**

On **April 15, 2008**, the Umatilla County Historical Society and Umatilla National Forest will host an open house at Heritage Station Museum to unveil its newest exhibit, “*Century of Service.*” The exhibit examines the lives and work of the men, women, and communities of the U.S. Forest Service as they have served the public in our distinctive part of the West over the course of the last century.

Remarkable historic images and artifacts highlight the exhibit as it explores the evolution of the Forest Service from its earliest beginnings to its complex, modern-day role managing timber, wildland fire, land use, and recreation.

Open house hours are from 6:00-8:00 PM and admission is free for the evening. At 7:00 PM Patty Baker of Adams, OR will present information about the six Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps that flourished in Umatilla County during the Depression. The camps were closely tied to the national forests and provided steady employment for many men from 1933-1942.

“Hosting this display is one of many events planned to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Umatilla National Forest,” said Kevin Martin, Forest Supervisor. The exhibit was designed and developed for the High Desert Museum in Bend to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Forest Service in 2005 and displays over 1,000 pieces of Forest Service memorabilia.

“We’re very excited to be working in partnership with the Umatilla County Historical Society and High Desert Museum to bring this incredible exhibit to the area for our centennial celebration,” said Martin.

“The *Century of Service* exhibit will be on display at Heritage Station Museum through mid October 2008,” said Julie Reese, executive director. Museum admission rates range from \$6.00 General Admission (ages 12 and older), \$2.00 for students, and \$15.00 for family. Historical Society members are admitted free. The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is located in downtown Pendleton, Oregon at 108 SW Frazer Ave. For more information contact: 541-276-0012.