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# Big Timber Ranger District News Release



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## Historic Main Boulder Ranger Station Opens to Visitors

Big Timber, MT... Beginning Sunday, June 25, the historic Main Boulder Ranger Station will be open for public visitation. Located 30 miles south of Big Timber along the Main Boulder Road, the century old station has undergone preservation efforts over the past several years with the support of the Forest Service, Crazy Mountain Museum, and local citizens.

Located on a prominent knoll, the Main Boulder Ranger Station and surrounding facilities still retain their original appearance and have served the Big Timber Ranger District for more than 100 years. The ranger station has been restored to represent its original character and is perhaps the oldest facility in the Forest Service system. The site served as both District Headquarters and home to Ranger Harry Kaufman for almost forty years. The Station is furnished with period furniture and memorabilia from the early days in the Forest Service.

The station will be open to the public as a house museum which depicts the living and working conditions at the old Ranger Station in the early twentieth century. Interpretive staff will be on hand from 10:30 to 4:00 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday weekly and over the long Fourth of July weekend. Interpretive staffing will end after Labor Day.

To get to the Main Boulder Ranger Station, from Big Timber take State Route 298 south for 27.5 miles, then watch for signs on your right. Access to the Station itself requires a short walk on a paved trail with grades up to 8%. For additional information and current staffing schedules please contact the Big Timber District Office at 932-5155 or visit the Gallatin National Forest website at: [www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin).

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