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## Inyo National Forest Celebrates National Historic Preservation Act 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The Inyo National Forest, through National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) funding, has developed a series of posters that celebrate achievements of the forest's heritage program over the past 50 years. This collaborative effort celebrates the unique local historic and archeological resources of the Eastern Sierra. A sample of these posters will be on display at the Eastern Sierra History Conference in Bishop at the Tri-County Fairgrounds October 28-30.

"The Inyo National Forest, while often noted for its natural beauty, has a rich history as well," said Ed Armenta, Forest Supervisor. "The people and their relationship with these rugged lands is part of the story of the Inyo National Forest that must be preserved for future generations."

President Lyndon Johnson signed the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) into law on October 15, 1966 after the destruction of numerous buildings and sites in the years following World War II. The NHPA preserves our nation's cultural and historic resources through:

- The **National Register of Historic Places**, through which communities identify and document significant historic and cultural sites to facilitate their preservation
- Federal preservation programs in each agency
- State historic preservation programs and tribal and local government programs
- The **Section 106 Review Process**, which requires the federal government to take into account the effects of its undertakings on historic and cultural resources
- The **Historic Preservation Fund** to provide grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribes for projects relating to historic preservation
- Public-private partnerships in support of common historic preservation goals

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