

# NEWS ADVISORY

## USDA Forest Service -- Northern Region



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### Centennial Days in the Missoula Area

**When:** June 10 through 19

**Where:** Various locations around town and at the Ninemile Station (25 miles west of Missoula, exit 82 on I-90)

**What:** As part of celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005, the USDA Forest Service and local partners have planned a variety of fun and informative events for the ten day period.

**June 10** - Centennial Days in the Missoula Valley kicks off with 'Music and a Movie' at the Wilma Theatre, Higgins Ave., Missoula. Smokey and Woodsy will be there as Midside Stereo plays bluegrass and jazzy-pop music before the big screen showing of "The Greatest Good" movie. (Movie information/background is available at [www.fs.fed.us/greatestgood](http://www.fs.fed.us/greatestgood) and a preview DVD is available by calling 329-3472.) Doors open at 6 pm and the movie starts at 7 pm. This is a fund raiser for the National Museum of Forest Service History. All this for only a \$2 donation benefiting the Museum (<http://www.nmfs-history.net/> )

**June 11** - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Re-dedication of the Ninemile Remount Station - exhibits, tours, learn how to use historic tools, see the mule pack train and have fun in the Huson area. The Smokejumpers will do a practice jump in the area, if conditions permit, and Dutch oven food will be for sale. The fun starts at 10:30. Check out their flyer at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/resources-cultural/ninemile-remount/75anniv-brochure1.pdf> or call the ranger station at (406) 626-5408 for more information. Free.

**June 15** - Smokey and Woodsy will join in the fun at "Out to Lunch" at Caras Park in downtown Missoula.

At 7pm, attend the one-man show of Kent Fuellenbach as an early day ranger talking about "Packing a Balanced Load" at the National Museum of Forest Service History located just west of the Aerial Fire Depot and MTDC facility on West Broadway (Hwy. 10W). More information is available from the Museum by calling (406) 541-6374. Free.

**June 18** -Open houses at Missoula Technology & Development Center, Rocky Mtn. Research Station-Fire Lab and Smokejumper Visitor's Center. Tours, displays, demonstrations and Smokey Bear.

The National Museum of Forest Service History (541-6374) will have the historic Bungalow Cabin open, the Ninemile mule pack train will be there, and they will have special events and an unveiling of the commemorative survey marker. Free! Why not fill out the day with a stop at the nearby Museum of Mountain Flying as they're all along West Broadway (Hwy. 10 West).

**June 10 - 19** - The Smokejumper Visitor's Center and the Museum of Mountain Flying (a partner in supporting the Centennial Days activities) will be open for tours. Both are located near the airport on Hwy. 10W. The National Museum of Forest Service History will be open daily June 16-19.

**More information on the Forest Service Centennial, history, and events unfolding over the next few months check out our website at:**

[www.fs.fed.us/r1/centennial](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/centennial)

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