



Wallowa-Whitman Dates of Interest

February 5, 1904 – Baker City Forest Reserve established

February 1, 1905 – Congress transferred the Forest Reserves from the Department of Interior to the Department of Agriculture

July 1, 1905 – Bureau of Forestry became known as the US Forest Service

1907 – Forest Reserves renamed “National Forests” to emphasize that the forests were for public use.

May 6, 1905 – Wallowa Forest Reserve established

Later in 1905 – Wenaha and Chesnimnus Forest Reserves were established

March 15, 1906 – Blue Mountain Forest Reserve was established and absorbed the Baker City Forest Reserve (which was abolished)

March 1, 1907 – Imnaha Forest Reserve was established and combined the Wallowa and Chesnimnus Forest Reserves

June 13, 1908 – portion of Blue Mountain Forest Reserve was changed to Whitman National Forest

July 2, 1908 – Imnaha National Forest changed to Wallowa National Forest

1930 – large area established as Forest Service part of Wallowa Mountains Primitive Area

1935 – Grande Ronde District merged with Eagle District

1940 – Eagle Cap designated a wilderness area

1947 – Eagle District renamed Union District

1954 – The Wallowa Forest Reserve and the Whitman Forest Reserve were consolidated to form the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

1964 – Eagle Cap Wilderness congressionally established as a designated wilderness

1972 – Additional legislation enlarged Eagle Cap Wilderness – currently largest wilderness area in Oregon

December 31, 1975 – Hells Canyon National Recreation Area congressionally declared

1985 – Union RD and La Grande RD combined and moved into new office