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JUDITH STATION RESTORATION GARNERS TOP HONORS

The Montana Preservation Alliance has conferred an *Excellence in Historic Preservation Award* on the Lewis and Clark National Forest staff for the rehabilitation of the historic Judith Ranger Station in the Little Belt Mountains. The Forest Service was nominated for this award by personnel at the State Historic Preservation Office.

The award notification letter stated, “We are delighted to recognize the Lewis and Clark National Forest for its meticulous restoration of the exterior and interior of this rustic and charming cabin for use in the cabin rental program. It’s an impressive example of a rural preservation project that brought federal and state employees together on a preservation project that preserved a wonderful historic landmark that will be available to the public to use and enjoy.”

Judith Ranger Station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a representation of early Forest Service history. The station was restored as a 1920s work facility with period wallpaper and furnishings. It took Forest Service specialists and volunteers nearly ten years to complete the project.

The first ranger for the area, Guy Myers, constructed the Judith Ranger Station using a \$450 kit and logs from the surrounding mountains. The 1½-story structure served as his home and office. Ranger Myers lived there with his family until 1925.

Forest heritage program leader, Sandra French, will accept the award September 29 at the Montana Historical Society’s 33rd Annual History Conference in Billings.

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Editor’s note: Photo attached.

2/EARLY FOREST SERVICE PHOTO – JUDITH RANGER STATION

