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Antelope Guard Station Celebrates its 100th Birthday

The Lost River Ranger District of the Salmon-Challis National Forest will host a centennial celebration for Antelope Guard Station on Saturday June 14, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. The event will include an open house and picnic. The historic Antelope Guard Station is located south of Mackay, Idaho, along Antelope Creek.

Built in 1908, the station is the oldest existing Forest Service building in what is now the Salmon-Challis National Forest. It has been used by forest rangers, fire crews, and forest guards. The location has been part of the Sawtooth Forest Reserve from 1906 - 1908, Lemhi National Forest 1908- 1938, Challis National Forest 1930-1995, and, most recently, the Salmon-Challis National Forest. During the 1930s the Civilian Conservation Corps worked the station's hay field and performed project work in the area. The station's irrigated field once supplied winter hay for the Forest Service's horses and mules.

Today, the station is no longer in regular use and the Lost River Ranger District is looking for public comments and ideas for the appropriate future use of the station. If you are interested in the area's history, would like to discuss future options for this historic station, or would just like to spend an afternoon in the shade of the cottonwood trees along Antelope Creek, please stop by for the open house and picnic. You can get to the guard station by driving to Antelope Road, located 2 miles south of Darlington on US 93. Drive west on Antelope Road for 18 miles until you see the Forest Service sign for Copper Basin. Turn right and drive ¼ mile to the Forest Service sign for Antelope Guard Station. Turn right into the station. The route will be marked on the day of the event.

If you have any questions, please contact John Rose, Salmon-Challis National Forest South Zone Archaeologist at 208-879-4121.