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Newsletter of Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge

100 Years Working Together for Wildlife!

With the stroke of a pen on February 25th, 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt signed Executive Order 1032 establishing Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.

Although originally built for irrigation, President Theodore Roosevelt realized that a lake in the desert would also be a wildlife oasis. Just three days after Boise River water was released into the New York Canal to begin filling the

reservoir, Roosevelt set aside Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge as the 21st refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The refuge now provides sanctuary for migratory birds and other wildlife on nearly 12,000 acres, from the open waters, wetland edges, and sagebrush uplands at Lake Lowell to the grasslands and riparian forests on over 100 islands in the Snake River.



President Theodore Roosevelt

"It is hereby ordered that the following reservoir sites, namely...Deer Flat and Minidoka, Idaho...are hereby reserved, subject to Reclamation Service uses... and to any other valid existing rights, and are set apart for the use of the Department of Agriculture as preserves and breeding grounds for native birds...."

Executive Order 1032
Theodore Roosevelt
February 25, 1909

Special Centennial Edition
February 25, 2009
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You are invited!

*Please join us
to mark the Centennial
on Wednesday, February 25.*

*From 8 AM – 4 PM,
view displays about
the history of the lake .*

*The refuge birthday cake
will be cut at 1 PM.*

Write a Letter to the Future for Time Capsule

To mark 100 years working for wildlife, the refuge will bury a Centennial Time Capsule at the Centennial Festival on June 6, 2009. The Time Capsule will be opened in 2059 to mark the refuge's 150th birthday.

Refuge visitors and neighbors are invited to write

a message to the future for inclusion in the time capsule. Please submit a message to future refuge visitors, volunteers, and staff sharing your reflections about the past, present, and/or future of Lake Lowell and Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.

Possible letter to the future topics:

- ◇ Describe what you *think* Lake Lowell/Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge will look like in 50 years.
- ◇ Describe what you *hope* Lake Lowell/Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge will look like in 50 years.
- ◇ Describe an experience you had at Lake Lowell/Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge.



Submit entries (500 words or less) by May 22 to: Time Capsule Project, Deer Flat NWR, 13751 Upper Embankment Road, Nampa, ID 83686 or deerflat@fws.gov.

Call (208) 467-9278 or visit www.fws.gov/deerflat/timecapsule.htm for more information.

Centennial-related Activities

February

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Centennial Open House

8 AM - 4 PM Historical displays
1 PM Birthday Cake
Visitor Center

March

Thursday, March 5

Centennial Festival Planning

Join the committee to help plan our June 6th festival.
6:30 PM, Visitor Center

May

Tuesday, May 12

Wild About Life Lecture

A glimpse of Deer Flat and the Boise Project through historic photos. John Martinson, Historian, Bureau of Reclamation.
7 PM, Visitor Center

Thursday, May 28

History Lecture

The CCC at Deer Flat: A Legacy of Federal Labor in the Treasure Valley, Marc Frisk, BSU Department of History.
7 PM, Visitor Center

June

Saturday, June 6

Centennial Festival

Grand opening of the interpretive Centennial Trail and a family-friendly festival with live animals, craft activities, guided walks, and much more.
11 AM - 3 PM, Visitor Center