

# Shoreline

Newsletter of Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge

## Celebrate a Century of Conservation

With the stroke of a pen on February 25th, 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt signed Executive Order 1032 establishing Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge as the 21st refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System,



which now protects over 150 million acres on 550 Refuges.

To mark the 100th birthday of Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge and Lake Lowell, you are invited to a grand Centennial Festival on Saturday,

June 6th from 11 AM-3 PM. This free, family-friendly event will include children's activities, live birds, informational booths, displays of art from local wildlife artists, guided tours and talks, a barbecue, live music, and the grand opening of a new historical interpretive trail.

Festival admission is free and the cost of the barbecue will be less than \$5. The refuge Visitor Center is on the west side of the Upper Dam at Lake Lowell. The new Visitor Center entrance road is at the intersection of Indiana and Roosevelt.

Special Centennial  
Festival Edition  
June 2009

*You are invited!*

*Please join us to celebrate  
100 years of working  
together for wildlife.*

*The Centennial Festival will be  
11 AM-3 PM, Saturday, June 6*

*For more information,  
contact (208) 467-9278  
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## Centennial Festival Schedule

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| 11:00 | Flag raising (Boy Scout Troop #502) kicks off the festivities              | 12:30 | Lecture: CCC at Deer Flat (Marc Frisk, Boise State University)  | 2:00 | Guided birding walk (Jim Holcomb, Southwestern Idaho Birders Association)                 |
| 11:05 | Centennial Trail Grand Opening guided walk                                 | 12:30 | Live music (Treasure Valley String Quartet; until 1:30)   | 2:30 | Showing of "Where Wildlife Comes First" (video about the National Wildlife Refuge System) |
| 11:30 | Lecture: History through photos (John Martinson, US Bureau of Reclamation) | 1:30  | Serving of the Refuge Birthday Cake (free)  | 2:45 | Friends of Deer Flat raffle drawing   |
| 12:00 | Centennial Postcard Art Contest Award Ceremony                             | 1:30  | Showing of Seeking Refuge (Idaho Public Television's "Outdoor Idaho" about Idaho's National Wildlife Refuges) | 3:00 | Festival ends   |
| 12:00 | Lunch available for purchase until 2                                       |       |   |      | All activities are at the refuge Visitor Center and free (lunch available for purchase).  |

# Explore the New Centennial Trail

*The Centennial Trail was made possible by the following:*

*National Fish & Wildlife Foundation*

*Boise State University  
Bureau of Reclamation*

*Canyon Agricultural Foundation  
for Education*

*Canyon County Historical Society  
Canyon County Parks,*

*Recreation, and Waterways  
Centennial Job Corps*

*College of Idaho*

*Deer Flat National Wildlife  
Refuge*

*Ducks Unlimited*

*Friends of Deer Flat Wildlife  
Refuge*

*Idaho State Historical Society  
Wal-Mart*

*Thanks!*

The Centennial Festival will also mark the grand opening of the new Centennial Trail. The 1.2-mile, disabled-accessible trail meanders from the refuge visitor center to and across the Upper Dam.

Along the trail, interpretive signs tell the story of the refuge and reservoir. Visitors will discover the challenge of surviving in the dry, dusty desert of southwest Idaho, the difficulty of constructing Lake Lowell to bring irrigation water to the fertile lands nearby, the tremendous influence of the lake

on people and wildlife, and how citizens and partners have worked together to make sure Lake Lowell continues as an oasis for people and wildlife in its second century.

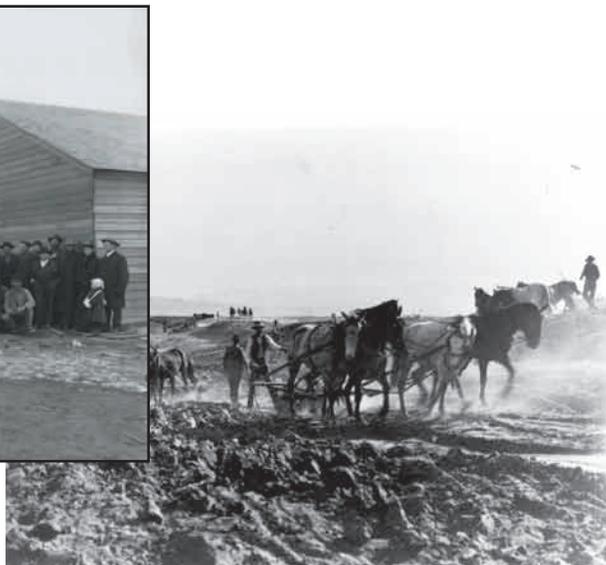


Centennial Job Corps students work with Randy Aulbach to install interpretive signs along the new Centennial Trail.

## Scrapbook: Building the Dams



Work crew at Upper Embankment. Photo courtesy Idaho State Historical Society.



Four-horse crew drags Fresno scraper to build the embankments at Lake Lowell. Photo courtesy U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.



Steam train excavating fill for Deer Flat embankments. Photo courtesy Canyon County Historical Society.