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Mining History Comes Alive at the Wallace Visitor Center!

June 18, 2013 –A dedication ceremony for a new, historical Hercules Mill interpretive sign will be presented at the Wallace Visitor Center at 3:30 p.m., Friday, June 21, 2013. An open house will follow at the Northern Pacific Railroad Depot in Wallace.

The Hercules Mill in Wallace, Idaho, processed tons of silver, lead and zinc ore between 1911 and 1949. Mill structures were burned or removed by 1976; however, concrete mill foundations remained. The property owner recently remediated property soils. During the planning of this cleanup, Wallace business owners suggested that a historical sign be placed. The **city of Wallace** and **Historic Wallace Chamber of Commerce** welcomed the sign placement at the Wallace Visitor Center off I-90 at Exit 61.

Local businesses, state agencies, and nonprofit organizations collaborated on the interpretive sign. The project was made possible in part by a grant from the **Idaho Humanities Council** (the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities). **Panhandle Lakes Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc.** received the grant and the **Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ)** managed the project.

“We are excited to be a part of this project,” said Nina Eckberg, Executive Director for Panhandle Lakes RC&D Council, Inc. “This is the kind of development that brings communities together in an effort to showcase their past.”

“Because of sponsors’ support, this piece of Silver Valley history will be recognized” said Ms. Denna Grangaard of IDEQ. “This project will benefit cultural tourism and enhance the experience of visitors to the city of Wallace.”

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