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## **Oregon's landscape featured in new stamp to honor 150 years of Statehood**

Portland, Or. – The United States Postal Service, along with Oregon 150, the nonprofit organization behind Oregon's sesquicentennial celebration, will release the Oregon Statehood commemorative stamp on Wednesday, January 14, at more than 300 Oregon Post Offices statewide.

The official First Day of Issue ceremony for the stamp will take place January 14, 2009 at 11 a.m. hosted by the World Forestry Center, in Portland Oregon.

"We are proud to have this stamp represent our state. It truly captures the beauty of Oregon," said Governor Ted Kulongoski. "The stamp shows the landscape Oregon is renowned for, and is an Oregon sesquicentennial treasure that families can pass down to their children for years to come."

The stamp, which depicts an Oregon coastline, was created by Oregon artist Greg Manchess, whose art has been featured on covers for *Time*, *National Geographic*, *Atlantic Monthly*, and the Major League Baseball World Series program. He has also created spreads for *Omni*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian* and countless advertising campaigns and book covers.

As part of the celebration, a special commemorative postmark will be available at 327 post offices across Oregon on the day of the stamp's release. The postmark will also be available for collectors for 30 days after the event.

Please come join us at the Toledo Post Office or at Oregon's only restored Railway Post Office (RPO) car located just behind the Post Office at the Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society (YPRHS) for this unique celebration. This is a rare opportunity to purchase our statehood stamp with a First Day of Sale postmark here in Toledo.

This pictorial postmark can be received at the Post Office Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm or at the YPRHS Tuesday through Friday 10:00am to 2:00pm for 30 days starting January 14, 2009.

Come out and support the YPRHS and receive this special postmark right inside Oregon's only restored RPO car. Also, send letters to friends and family all over the state with Toledo's postmark or send letters to other Oregon towns and receive their unique postmark. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to celebrate Oregon's sesquicentennial and have a keepsake to remember.

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