



CRATERS OF THE MOON

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Originally established in May of 1924 by presidential proclamation, today Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve protects over 750,000 acres of southern Idaho's unusual lava terrain and a "weird and scenic landscape peculiar to itself." Following World War II, a surge in visitors prompted the construction of buildings, roads, and other amenities as part of the nationwide Mission 66 initiative to modernize National Park Service (NPS) facilities. Today, the NPS stewards the monument's archaeological sites, National Register-listed Mission 66 buildings, and unique natural vistas, welcoming visitors from Idaho and beyond to explore its wonders.

