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SRS Museum to reveal environmental stewardship gallery

An effective collaboration

Aiken, S.C.—The Savannah River Site Museum will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. to open the SREL-USFS-SR Environmental Stewardship Gallery. The ceremony will be held at the museum. It is located at 224 Laurens Street in Aiken, South Carolina.

The gallery will depict the ongoing roles that both the University of Georgia’s Savannah River Ecology Laboratory and the USDA Forest Service-Savannah River have had in the environmental stewardship of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site since 1951.

Walt Joseph, the executive director of the museum, said both entities are an integral part of the site’s story, so this was a natural collaboration.

“I wanted to see the museum reflect all aspects of the site. Initially, the museum’s focus was on nuclear production and research,” Joseph said. “We had nothing to show the vast research that focuses on protecting the environment.”

The room will contain photographs, illustrations and interactive exhibits prepared by the SREL and the USFS-SR.

Depictions of the various habitat types, associated wildlife and conservation efforts are just a few of the exhibits that visitors can expect to find in the gallery.

Joseph said there will be something for every age group to discover.

Smokey Bear will be on hand for the ceremony.

USFS-SR and SREL both conduct outreach education to the general public and view involvement with the museum as an additional opportunity to educate the public about their roles as environmental stewards on the SRS.

This ceremony will kick off the activities for Atoms in the Alley event in downtown Aiken.

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