

Moscow's Federal Courthouses



Moscow's federal courthouse, 1911.
(National Archives)

Congress authorized \$100,000 to build a federal courthouse at Moscow, Idaho, in 1906. The courthouse was built five years later in 1911 in the Federalist style. It served for more than sixty years until the U.S. government declared it surplus in 1973. The building faced an uncertain future until it was purchased by the City of Moscow, renovated, and eventually used as the city hall.

The new federal building, a minimalist structure of concrete and glass was built in 1973. Like the earlier building it, too, was declared surplus after nearly forty years and sold in 2012 to a local hospital.



Moscow federal building under construction.
(University of Idaho)



Moscow federal building, 1930.
(University of Idaho)

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1973 Moscow federal building.
(U.S. Courts)