

23 Projects Receive Grants

The Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee awarded 23 projects with funding in the first round of its Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Community Grants Program. The Committee established the program to assist communities and non-profit groups with projects being undertaken to commemorate the bicentennial in Idaho. The Committee places a strong emphasis on lasting legacy projects.

The Community Grants Program will continue in 2002. "By the end of the 2002 grant cycle, we will have awarded more than \$1 million in the Community Grants Program," noted Anne Schorzman, chair of the Governor's Committee. "Many of the projects that we have been able to fund will have a legacy for Idahoans that extends well beyond the end of the bicentennial in 2006."

In 2001, the Community Bicentennial Grants Program received funding from the Bonneville Power Administration, a congressional appropriation sought and received by Idaho's congressional delegation, and a state appropriation. The Governor's Committee received 52 proposals in 2001. The projects funded in 2001 were:

Lewiston Chamber of Commerce,
\$7,890 for "Lewis-Clark
Valley Festival"

Sacajawea Monument Committee,
\$15,000 for a Sacajawea sculpture

City of Kamiah,
\$3,600 for Lewis and Clark projects
at Riverfront Park

City of Lewiston,
\$9,820 for Lewis and Clark
interpretive signage

Idaho State Historical Society,
\$20,550 for traveling exhibits
and trunks

**Idaho Department of
Fish and Game,**
\$21,650 for Lewis and Clark
interpretive signage

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A. Vincen Talbot photo.

The Sacajawea Monument, by sculptor A. Vincen Talbot, was partially funded by a grant from The Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee. The sculpture will be unveiled in Boise to commemorate the beginning of the Bicentennial in January of 2003.

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Idaho State Historical Society,
\$24,830 for a Lewis and Clark
GPS trail survey

Lewis-Clark State College,
\$12,000 for Lewis and Clark
symposium

Hells Gate Education Association,
\$18,500 for interpretive kiosk

Idanha Films/Idaho Public TV,
\$25,000 for video documentary on
Sacajawea

**Lewiston Lewis and Clark
Bicentennial Committee,** \$4,920 for
brochure on Lewis and Clark sites

Friends of the Weippe Library,
\$25,000 for the Weippe Discovery
Center

Weippe Discovery Center,
\$9,160 for Lewis and Clark
landscaping at the Center

**Lewis-Clark Center for Arts
and History,**
\$24,700 for Lewis and Clark exhibit

Nez Perce Tribe,
\$18,000 for brochure telling the
Nez Perce perspective
of the Lewis and Clark story

City of Salmon,
\$10,410 for an interpretive plan for
the Sacajawea Interpretive Center

**Clearwater-Snake Lewis and Clark
Bicentennial Committee:**
\$4,000 for Lewis and Clark
speakers bureau
\$12,000 for an administrator
\$2,500 for scholarships to
attend the national Lewis and
Clark planning conference

**North Central Idaho Travel
Association,** \$10,000 for promotion
of "Festival of Discovery"

Kamiah Chamber of Commerce,
\$7,000 for Lewis and Clark
coordinator

**Lemhi County Lewis and Clark
Bicentennial Committee,**
\$12,300 for program
coordination and marketing
\$10,000 for Lewis and Clark
Sacajawea city entry signs

National Planning Conference Draws Hundreds to Lewiston

Lewiston hosted the seventh annual planning conference of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in April. More than 400 bicentennial planners from throughout the nation descended upon the town for nearly a full week of activities, including meetings of many National Council partner groups, such as the Circle of Tribal Advisors, the Circle of State Advisors, the National Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies Bicentennial Working Group, and numerous others.

The conference itself began with an April 11 reception at the Lewis-Clark Center for Arts and History. "A Taste of Idaho" featured food and beverages from the host state. Friday brought a new element to the national planning conference. "A Day with the Nez Perce" was the first time a tribe had hosted a part of the conference. The day featured workshops and discussions on topics such as tourism and recreation, Nez Perce culture and arts, threatened species protection, and Nez Perce language. Exhibitors displayed and sold Nez Perce arts and crafts throughout the day. The focus was to highlight the contemporary lifestyle of one of the tribes that encountered the Expedition. The day concluded with a salmon dinner and keynote address by Dr. Herman Viola of the Smithsonian Institution.

Saturday's conference plenary sessions were highlighted by addresses from Senator Larry Craig, Governor Dirk Kempthorne, and Congressman Butch Otter. Attendees spent much of the day "on the road" in mobile workshops at sites around Lewiston, discussing subjects such as trail stewardship, Corps of Discovery II, interpretation, and Nez Perce history and culture. The conference concluded with more mobile workshops on Sunday, April 14.



Mike McElhatton photo.

Governor Dirk Kempthorne visits the exhibitors' tent at the 7th Annual National Bicentennial Planning Conference.

The conference had several firsts. In addition to the "Day with the Nez Perce," this was the first national planning conference to feature mobile workshops. In addition, more than 50 exhibitors and vendors attended—three times as many as had ever attended a national conference before. Housed in a large tent adjacent to the Red Lion Hotel, the vendors attracted not only the conference attendees, but also, in another first, an estimated 1,500 visitors during the free "Vendors Trade Show" held on Saturday. The Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee had a booth, featuring two new exhibits unveiled at the conference, one on the Museum Initiative, and one on the Governor's Committee bicentennial efforts. Two beautiful new six-foot banners of "Lewis and Clark in Idaho" graced the Governor's Committee booth, both donated by The Nichols Company.

A local host committee worked for a year planning the conference, which was supported by several key sponsors. Local host committee members: Lori Cox, Gary Hanes, Carla Higheagle, Sue Hottois, Doreen Krabbenhoft, Vicky Lowe, Aaron Miles, Lynn Moss, Keith Petersen, Jody Pethel, Allen Pinkham, Victoria Scalise, Carl Wilgus. Sponsors: Meredith Group, Idaho Power Company, *Lewiston Morning Tribune*, Triple O

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Projects Underway for Bicentennial

One of the most frequently asked questions of bicentennial planners is, "What is Idaho doing for the commemoration?" Below is a very brief—and partial—list of what is going on, or in a couple of instances, has already happened, in Idaho. Hundreds of people are working on the bicentennial, and millions of dollars have already been spent, with more work and money forthcoming. Thanks to the hard work of many, Idaho will be ready, and the state will be a better place following the bicentennial. Please note that this is not an all-inclusive list, but it does provide a glimpse of the breadth of the commemoration activities in Idaho.

An * by a project indicates that it has received funding from the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, and/or the Idaho State Historical Society.

Governor's Committee

Initiatives:

- *Community Grants Program—more than \$1 million awarded in 2001-02
- *Museums Along the Trail—more than \$300,000 in assistance to existing museums along the Trail in Idaho
- *Libraries—\$40,000 in purchases of Lewis and Clark materials for school/public libraries along the Trail and public programming in libraries
- Bicentennial license plate program

Trail Preservation:

160 acres at Glade Creek campsite purchased and donated to Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation



Thanks to the efforts of the Idaho Heritage Trust, the Lewis and Clark Glade Creek Campsite will be preserved in its pristine state.

80 acres at Weippe Prairie purchased by National Park Service

Approximately three acres adjoining Canoe Camp to be purchased by National Park Service

Clearwater National Forest efforts to protect cultural and heritage resources along the Lolo Trail Corridor, including access permit system

Salmon-Challis National Forest efforts at Lemhi Pass to protect the resource while accommodating increased visitation

Nez Perce Tribe restoration and beautification projects along Trail segments

Interpretive Centers:

- *Sacajawea Interpretive Center, Salmon
- Lolo Pass Visitors Center
- *Weippe Discovery Center
- Hells Gate State Park Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Lewiston

Interpretive Projects:

- Gateway groves of plants identified in Idaho by Lewis and Clark: Lewiston, Salmon, Kooskia
- *Idaho State Historical Society Lewis and Clark exhibit, Boise, 2005-06
- *Idaho State Historical Society traveling Lewis and Clark exhibit and traveling trunk program
- *Kamiah City Park Lewis and Clark interpretation and Lewis and Clark plantings
- *Idaho Department of Fish and Game interpretation of Expedition trek to Salmon River
- *Lewis-Clark Center for Arts and History exhibit about Lewis' dog, Seaman
- *Interpretive signage on Lewiston levee system
- *US Fish and Wildlife Service interpretive signage at Dworshak Dam
- *"The Life and Legends of Sacajawea," Idanha Films/Idaho Public TV documentary
- *Nez Perce Leepway Arts Council traveling parfleche (trunk) program
- "How Weetxuuwiis Saved Lewis and Clark," Nez Perce Leepway Arts Council video

Discovery Hill interpretive project, Salmon Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Salmon

Highway 12 and Lolo Motorway interpretive signage by Clearwater National Forest

Salmon-Challis National Forest interpretive signage program

*"Life Before Lewis and Clark," Nez Perce exhibit at Lewis-Clark Center for Arts and History, 2003-05

Events:

- *Festival of Discovery, Clearwater region (annual, through 2006)
- Dugouts on the Clearwater (annual, through 2006)
- *Lewiston Lewis and Clark Festival (annual, through 2006)
- Gathering of the Tribes along the Trail, national conference hosted by Nez Perce Tribe, 2000
- *Seventh Annual National Bicentennial Planning Conference, hosted by Lewiston, 2002
- *Lewis-Clark State College Lewis and Clark Symposium (annual, through 2006)
- Nez Perce Tribe national Lewis and Clark signature event, 2006

Brochures, etc.

- Lewis and Clark and the Native Peoples of Idaho*, Idaho Department of Commerce
- Lewis and Clark Expedition*, Lemhi County, Idaho, Salmon District, Bureau of Land Management
- **Lewis and Clark and the Nez Perce: Commemorative Sites in the Clearwater and Snake River Valley*, Lewiston Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee
- **Idaho Museums along the Lewis & Clark Trail*, Idaho State Historical Society and Idaho Governor's Committee
- *Lewis and Clark bicentennial placemats, 3 million produced, United Dairymen of Idaho
- *The Nez Perce and Lewis and Clark, Nez Perce Tribe
- *Idaho bicentennial website, www.lewisandclarkidaho.org, Idaho Department of Commerce

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Projects Underway

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Education Projects:

Lewis and Clark Rediscovery Project, University of Idaho, <http://rediscovery.ed.uidaho.edu>

Lifelong Learning Online, University of Idaho, traditions, history, and culture of the Nez Perce and Coeur d'Alene peoples, before and after Lewis and Clark, www.L3-lewisandclark.com

* Lewis and Clark teacher workshop, Salmon, October 3-5, 2002, Idaho Chapter, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

Miscellaneous:

*Idaho-Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Public Safety program

New passing lanes on Highway 12 Bureau of Land Management campground enhancements along Clearwater River and in Lemhi County

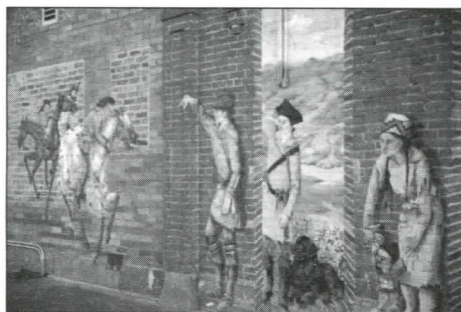
Lewis and Clark sculptures to enhance entryway into North Lewiston, Lewiston Parks and Recreation

*Lewis and Clark/Sacajawea city entry signs, Salmon

*Idaho State Historical Society GPS survey of the Trail in Idaho

Sacajawea Education and Interpretive Center program to interview Lemhi Shoshone Elders

Bicentennial Solid Waste Management program



The Lewis and Clark mural at the Center for Arts and History, located in the Lewiston Valley, is one of the many sites highlighted in a new brochure

Idaho Silver Medallion Series Unveiled

Medallion Consultants, Inc. of Osburn, Idaho, unveiled the first in a series of five "Lewis and Clark in Idaho" silver medallions at the seventh annual national bicentennial planning conference in Lewiston in April. Designed and issued by Medallion Consultants, the medallions are minted by Sunshine Mining, Inc., and are endorsed by the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail



depict the crossing of the snowy Bitterroots. Number 4 (March 2003) will highlight the meeting of the Corps with the Nez Perce on the Weippe Prairie. Number 5 (June 2003) will honor Canoe Camp near Orofino.

Each medallion contains one ounce of silver. Medallion Number 1 is on sale for \$20, and the other medallions can



Committee, with a percentage of proceeds going to the Committee.

Each medallion has a map of the Trail in Idaho on one side. The other side of each will feature a different event. The first medallion features the co-commanders of the Corps of Discovery, Lewis and Clark. Number 2 (due in July 2002) will feature the flag unfurling at the meeting of two cultures in Lemhi County. Number 3 (October 2002) will

also be pre-ordered for \$20 each, although that price is guaranteed only for advance payment of the complete series. A vinyl display unit is also available, and each medallion comes with a history of the Corps in Idaho. For ordering or other information contact Medallion Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 806, Osburn, ID 83849, 208-556-3601.

National Planning Conference

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Outfitters, AAA of Idaho, Sierra Club, Idaho State Historical Society, Clearwater-Snake Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee, Idaho Travel Council, National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, Idaho Department of Commerce,

Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, National Park Service, and Lewiston Chamber of Commerce.

Initiative Assists Trail Museums

The Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee Museum Initiative assists existing history museums along and adjacent to the Trail. These organizations were actively preserving the state's history long before planning for the bicentennial began, and they will be in existence long after the bicentennial is over. "The Museum Initiative is one of the most important lasting legacy endeavors we are undertaking," noted Governor's Committee chair Anne Schorzman. "We want to help the museums prepare for increased visitors during the bicentennial, but we also want to help ensure that the museums are better off once the bicentennial is over."

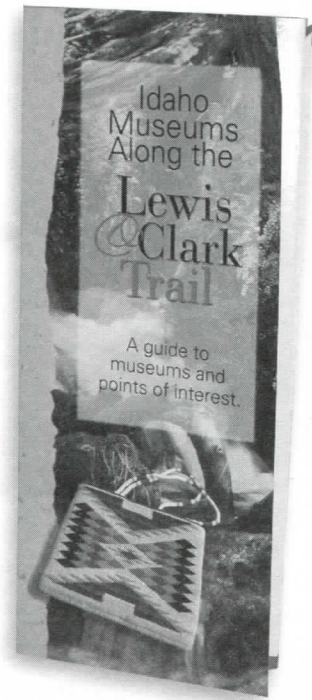
The Museum Initiative does not ask each museum to develop Lewis and Clark exhibits, although some are choosing to do that. Rather, the idea is to help prepare the museums for the anticipated increase in visitation expected with the bicentennial, and to assist visitors to learn more about Idaho's rich history and culture both before and after Lewis and Clark passed through.

The Initiative has four components, so far. To begin the project, a team of museum, architecture, and tourism professionals visited each museum, met with staff, volunteers, and trustees, and provided detailed consultants' reports about ways in which the museums might improve their operations.

A second aspect of the Initiative was the development of a small table-top traveling exhibit that highlights each museum, along with the production of a brochure entitled *Idaho Museums Along the Lewis & Clark Trail*. The Governor's Committee unveiled the exhibit at the national planning conference held in Lewiston in April, and the brochures have been distributed to visitors centers, chambers of commerce, museums, and other locations where

they are available to assist tourists.

A third component is web linkage of the museums' websites to the state Lewis and Clark bicentennial website



A new brochure refers to various points of interest and museums along the Lewis and Clark Trail in Idaho.

(www.lewisandclarkidaho.org), and links between the various museums, a collaborative effort to help tourists find museums of interest as they plan their vacations to Idaho.

The fourth component is the most exciting. In 2001, the Governor's Committee provided \$14,000 to each museum to assist them in preparing for increased visitation, and in 2002 will provide \$15,000 to each. The Committee hopes to continue this assistance throughout the bicentennial. The museums have used this money to produce websites, install new exhibits, purchase track lighting, publish brochures, buy computer and AV

equipment, hire staff to remain open longer hours, enhance grounds, and in a wide variety of other ways, help make their facilities more accommodating to visitors.

"The Governor's Committee has been amazed at how far these museums have been able to make these dollars stretch," said Schorzman. "The museums, using volunteer labor and donated materials, have accomplished so much on so few dollars."

Museums participating in the program are the Lemhi County Historical Society (Salmon), Lewis County Historical Society (Kamiah), J. Howard Bradbury Logging Museum (Pierce), Clearwater Historical Museum (Orofino), Bicentennial Historical Museum (Grangeville), Historical Museum at St. Gertrude (Cottonwood), Nez Perce County Historical Society (Lewiston), Lewis-Clark Center for Arts and History (Lewiston), Appaloosa Museum and Heritage Center (Moscow), and Latah County Historical Society (Moscow).

A Correction

The website for Julie Fanselow, author of *Traveling the Lewis and Clark Trail*, was incorrectly listed in the last newsletter. The address is www.lewis-and-clark.org. Julie hopes her site "will be a major source of bicentennial news and even live reporting from bicentennial events as the time gets closer." She is eager to hear from Idaho communities, businesses, and individuals who want to spread the word on events and attractions.

Challenge Cost Share Funds Idaho Projects

The National Park Service has announced the awardees for funds for the 2002 Challenge Cost Share (CSS) Program. The Park Service had \$5 million to distribute for Lewis and Clark projects this year, and had more than \$35 million in requests. Idaho did well, with 13 projects funded out of 29 applicants, for a total of \$231,750. The following Idaho projects received support:

Nez Perce Tribe:

- Restoration efforts on the national Lewis and Clark Trail
- Providing guided tours to parts of the Trail
- Parfleches (history "traveling trunks") telling the Nez Perce story about the Corps of Discovery (Leepwey Arts Council project)
- "How Weetxuuwiis Saved Lewis and Clark" video (Leepwey Arts Council project)

Idaho State Historical Society and Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee:

- Continuation of the Governor's Committee Trail Libraries Initiative
- Funding for "A Day with the Nez Perce" as part of the national planning conference
- Administrative assistance to help administer CCS funds in Idaho

City of Salmon: Acquisition of library materials for Sacajawea Center

Idaho Chapter, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation: Teacher workshop

Lewis-Clark State College:

- Annual Lewis and Clark symposium
- Oral history documentation of Lewis and Clark sites
- Hospitality training

Sacajawea Education and Interpretive Center: Lemhi elders oral history project

City of Weippe: Weippe Discovery Center

Idanha Films: "The Life and Legends of Sacajawea" video

Salmon-Challis National Forest Bicentennial News

The Salmon-Challis National Forest has completed three trailhead markers for the Lemhi Pass and Wagonhammer-to-Trail Gulch sections of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and will install them this summer. A three-panel highway sign is planned at Leadore describing Lewis and Clark and the Nez Perce Trails. Another three-panel highway sign will be located at North Fork describing William Clark's downriver reconnaissance and Shoshone contributions to the Expedition. A highway marker near Lost Trail Pass describing several scholars' thoughts about how the Corps crossed the Pass on September 3, 1805, is also planned. The Forest is also planning office exhibits for the North Fork Ranger District and Salmon National Forest Headquarters to provide visitors with information about Lewis and Clark activities.

The Salmon-Challis and Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forests completed work on a management plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Lemhi Pass. The Forests decided to construct facilities and manage the pass with the minimum recreational development necessary to meet long-term growth trends and to provide temporary facilities for the bicentennial. Recreational facilities will consist of a five-to-ten-car parking area immediately below Lemhi Pass on the Montana

side with a small interpretive site; reconstruction and expansion of Sacajawea Memorial Camp picnic area and restoration of the Most Distant Fountain Spring; and a Westward Overlook parking area for 10 cars and



Steve Matz photo.

Volunteers work with archeologists in the Salmon-Challis National Forest to learn nineteenth and twenty-first century techniques for mapping the Lewis and Clark Trail.

interpretive overlook in the next saddle north of Lemhi Pass.

Capitalizing on the enthusiastic response by volunteers to last year's "Sextants to Satellites Passport in Time" volunteer project, the Forest will be offering a similar opportunity with one or more local outfitters this year. Last year's project allowed 20 volunteers from all over the United States to work with archaeologists and Lewis and Clark scholars to learn 19th and 21st century techniques for locating and mapping the Trail.

Idaho Congressional Delegation Assists State Bicentennial Efforts

Idaho's two senators and two members of Congress are key players in the state's bicentennial efforts. Senator Larry Craig is co-chair of the Senate Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Caucus, and Congressman Butch Otter is vice chair of the caucus on the House side. Senator Mike Crapo and Congressman Mike Simpson are also active members of the caucus. In addition, many of the delegation's Idaho staffers play key roles in the bicentennial efforts by attending bicentennial planning meetings and keeping their Washington, D.C. offices up to date on bicentennial plans. Leann Bifford, Senator Craig's Lewiston aide, and Mary Hasenoehrl,

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Weippe Prairie Property to be Preserved

A case could easily be made that one of the most significant sites along the entire Lewis and Clark Trail is the Weippe Prairie, where the Expedition met the Nez Perce people. It was here that the Nez Perce befriended and cared for the Corps.

At the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee meeting in May, Rick Wagner, Realty Officer of the National Park Service's Columbia-Cascades Land Resources Program

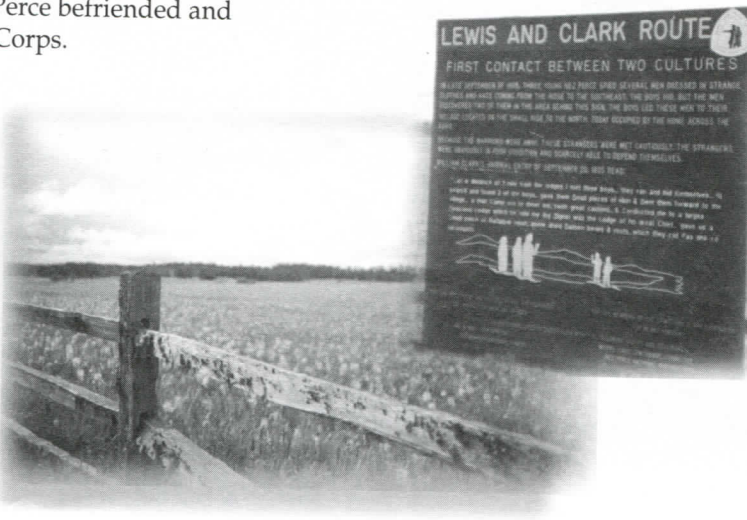
Center, announced that the Park Service had purchased 80 acres of property on the Prairie, to be permanently preserved in a state close to that experienced by the Expedition.

The Park Service purchase was the result of much effort, and was made possible because of the strong support of Senator Larry Craig and the Idaho congressional delegation. Wagner also thanked the Governor's Committee for its strong advocacy of the purchase, and for its efforts in working with the Idaho delegation to keep the project on the front burner.

Park Service plans are for virtually no development at the site. The Park Service will probably develop an interpretive sign, to replace a non-Park Service marker currently in place, and is considering widening the turnout at the historical marker to make it more accessible to larger vehicles. But the primary purpose of the purchase was to set aside the property for future

generations.

The Weippe Prairie purchase marks the third major land acquisition along the Trail in Idaho undertaken as part of



The National Park Service has acquired 80 acres on the Weippe Prairie to commemorate the meeting of the Nez Perce with the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

the bicentennial planning. After the Governor's Committee grew concerned about potential logging of the Glade Creek Lewis and Clark campsite near Lolo Pass in 1997, the Idaho Heritage Trust spearheaded a \$255,000 fundraising campaign and purchased 160 acres from Plum Creek Timber Company. The property was then donated to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, and like the Weippe property, will be preserved as a site that very closely resembles the way it looked 200 years ago.

The City of Salmon, utilizing a \$1 million congressional appropriation sought by the Governor's Committee, purchased 70 acres of property on the outskirts of town for the Sacajawea Cultural, Education and Interpretive Center.

These three purchases will constitute some of the most significant lasting legacies of the Idaho bicentennial commemoration.

Some Helpful Websites

There are hundreds of websites available if you are interested in learning more about Lewis and Clark and the upcoming bicentennial. This brief list barely skims the surface, but these are some sites that should be of particular interest to Idahoans.

Apologies to the hundreds that have been left out...

Idaho Lewis and Clark bicentennial site:

www.lewisandclarkidaho.org

National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial:

www.lewisandclark200.org

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation:

www.lewisandclark.org

Clearwater-Snake Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee:

www.lewisclarkidaho.org

Lemhi County and Sacajawea:

www.sacajaweahome.com

North Central Idaho Travel Association:

www.idahonwp.org

Weippe Discovery Center:

www.weippe.com/LewisClark.htm

Highway 12 communities:

www.idahohighway12.com

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail:

www.nps.gov/lecl

Nez Perce National Historic Trail:

www.fs.fed.us/npnht

For Montana Lewis and Clark bicentennial news:

www.montanalewisandclark.org

For Washington Lewis and Clark bicentennial news:

www.wshs.org/lewisandclark

And for a good guide to hundreds of the sites not noted above, try "Lewis and Clark on the Information Superhighway," www.lcarchive.org.

US Fish and Wildlife Service “Hatchery Happenings”

Most visitors to Dworshak National Fish Hatchery wouldn't expect to learn much about the human history of the area. But then, it is not every National Fish Hatchery that lies at the confluence of two rivers where 200 years ago a group of explorers set their eyes upon a stand of timber from which to craft dugout canoes to continue their journey. And the fishing was pretty good too.

Dworshak National Fish Hatchery sits on a spit of land near the small town of Ahsahka. It was here in September 1805 that William Clark sat on the hill overlooking the confluence of the North Fork and mainstem Clearwater rivers and described a scene of tall pine trees and Indian boys spearing some fine salmon for the party to eat.

Now, 200 years later, that history and those journal entries will come alive in a new interpretive kiosk to be located in the main parking area at the hatchery. The kiosk will be complete with color-illustrated panels and text depicting the river scene as it was 200 years ago, with quotes from the journals and descriptions of the abundant fish population and their importance to the Nez Perce people. The project was funded in part with a grant from the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee.

In addition to the interpretive kiosk, education staff at the hatchery will provide guided group tours every summer weekend, beginning now and continuing through the commemoration. These programs will focus on the history of the anadromous fish in the

Columbia River Basin, and how their numbers have changed significantly since first described by Lewis and Clark.

A special “Living History” first-person interpretive program featuring Lucy Marks, mother of Meriwether Lewis, will be performed each Saturday.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service also manages Kooskia National Fish Hatchery, and has developed the LookingGlass cultural history interpretive trail and Mill Pond wildlife viewing area across from the main hatchery grounds, located two miles east of Kooskia. Future plans for this site during the bicentennial include a trailhead display of wildlife and plant species described by Lewis and Clark, which are still found in the area.



A new multi-panel interpretive kiosk will replace this existing one at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery. The new kiosk will depict the area as it was 200 years ago.

Sacajawea Center in Salmon Dedicated



Gary Hanes photo

Part of the crowd that gathered in Salmon, Idaho last October for the dedication of the Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Education Center.

The City of Salmon's Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Education Center was dedicated on October 20, following the purchase of 70 acres of land on the edge of town with a \$1 million federal appropriation sought by the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee on behalf of the Lemhi County Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee. Over the winter the City sought proposals for an interpretive plan for the Center, and also sought bids for construction of the first phase of the visitor center. Unfortunately, the construction bids for the center came in significantly higher than budgeted. The City modified the facility design, and sent out for bids again. The delay will cause the opening of the visitor center to be moved back from the anticipated summer schedule.

But other exciting work continues at the Center. The City has developed a five-year cost share agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to assist with administration, materials, and

interpretation at the site. The Environmental Science Class of the Salmon High School Alternative School cleared deadfall and debris and removed some fences on the property.

Volunteers worked on remodeling the former residence on the site, which has already become a popular meeting facility.

In addition, the City received National Park Service Challenge Cost Share funding to purchase research materials for the Center library and completed engineering on site grading, storm water systems, and access roads. Soon, people will be able to keep up with the progress of the Center by visiting the website, sacajaweacenter.org. In the meantime, the Lemhi County Historical Society and Lemhi County Bicentennial Committee website, sacajaweahome.com, provides information on bicentennial happenings in the area.

Idaho Congressional Delegation Assists...

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Senator Crapo's Lewiston aide, for example, are both board members of the Clearwater-Snake Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee.

One of the important ways in which the delegation assists the state bicentennial efforts is in seeking special appropriations. The Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee seeks the appropriations on behalf of the people of Idaho, and works closely with the delegation to help assure funding.

For fiscal year 2003, which begins in October 2002, the Governor's Committee has requested the delegation to seek three appropriation requests:

- Continuation of the bi-state (Montana/Idaho) bicentennial public safety program
- Continuation of the federal portion of funding for the Governor's Committee Community bicentennial assistance grants program, as well as the Museum Initiative
- Bicentennial solid waste management program

In previous years, the Governor's Committee has sought, and the delegation has received, the following funding:

- \$1,075,000 for planning and development of the Sacajawea Interpretive Center in Salmon.
- \$465,000 for bicentennial planning efforts in the Clearwater-Snake region.
- \$3,500,000 for the bi-state bicentennial public safety program.
- \$1,500,000 for community bicentennial projects, including the community grants program and the Museum Initiative.

Idaho Bicentennial News Briefs

- ◆ The Idaho State Historical Society, Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, and Idaho Department of Commerce will co-host an exhibit at the kickoff bicentennial signature event at the University of Virginia and Monticello in January 2003. Planning for Idaho events and activities at the national kickoff is underway.
- ◆ Interested in traveling trunks to tell the story of Lewis and Clark to your classroom or group? The Idaho State Historical Society has Lewis and Clark traveling trunks available, and the Leepwey Arts Council of the Nez Perce Tribe will soon have trunks available. Contact Kris Major at ISHS, 208-334-2120, and Ann McCormack at Leepwey Arts Council, 208-843-7409, ext. 2285.
- ◆ The Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and the Nez Perce Tribe sponsored a Trail cleanup at Arrow Junction on the Clearwater in May. Refrigerators, dead brush, cans and bottles, a clothes dryer, barbed wire, a polio brace, and a humidifier were among the hundreds of pounds of garbage removed by nearly three dozen volunteers at a site where Lewis and Clark camped in both 1805 and 1806.
- ◆ A couple of new bicentennial tourist brochures are available. The Lewiston Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee has published *Lewis and Clark and the Nez Perce: A Guide to Commemorative Sites in the Clearwater and Snake River Valley*. And the Governor's Committee has published *Idaho Museums Along the Lewis & Clark Trail: A Guide to Museums and Points of Interest*. Contact Keith Petersen, 208-792-2249.
- ◆ The Clearwater-Snake Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee has hired Jody Pethel to be its first administrator. The Kamiah Chamber of Commerce has hired Ruth May to coordinate bicentennial activities in the upper Clearwater region. The Idaho Governor's Committee Community Grants Program is providing assistance to help fund both positions. Congratulations to both Jody and Ruth.
- ◆ The City of Lewiston has awarded contracts for two monumental sculptures that will soon grace the City's entrance. One will feature Lewis, Clark and Sacajawea, and the other a Nez Perce encampment.
- ◆ The Sacajawea Monument Committee has announced that it is ahead of its original schedule to fund and erect a life-size bronze monument honoring Sacajawea. The statue will be unveiled in Boise in January 2003 as part of the state's bicentennial kickoff. The monument will be located outside the grounds of the Idaho State Historical Museum.
- ◆ Nearly 1,200 motor vehicle bicentennial license plates were sold in the first year of issue, making the bicentennial plate the fifth most popular of specialized plates in the state. Proceeds from sales of the plate, which features an image of Sacajawea, assist the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee with bicentennial planning efforts.
- ◆ The Idaho Department of Commerce, in collaboration with United Dairy-men of Idaho, printed two million copies of the popular Idaho Lewis and Clark placemat, after distributing a million copies in 2001. The placemats are being used in restaurants throughout the state.
- ◆ The Idaho Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Strategic Marketing Plan has been produced by the Idaho Travel Council. For information contact Celeste Becia, 208-334-2470.
- ◆ The Idaho Transportation Department will be working on passing lanes, turn lanes, and shoulder widening along Highway 12 this summer to reduce congestion and improve safety in advance of the commemoration.
- ◆ The Bureau of Land Management is

working on an informational kiosk at the Tendoy Store to assist travelers heading to Lemhi Pass, and is undertaking campground improvements at Tower Rock, a Lewis and Clark campsite.

- ◆ The Idaho State Historical Society is



The Bureau of Land Management is constructing several new Lewis and Clark interpretive kiosks—such as this one on the way to Lemhi Pass.

working with the Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum in Texas to receive a Lewis and Clark bicentennial exhibit that the LBJ Museum has developed. When received, this exhibit will become part of the Society's major Lewis and Clark exhibit to be at the State Museum in 2005-06.

- ◆ The Weippe Discovery Center has completed two-thirds of its fundraising efforts to raise \$450,000 for the Center. The building has been purchased, and renovation work is beginning on this significant lasting legacy of the bicentennial.
- ◆ The new Lolo Pass Lewis and Clark visitors center should be ready for visitors by the summer of 2003. The center is a joint project of the Montana and Idaho transportation departments and the Clearwater National Forest.

Two Women Focus of Bicentennial Efforts

It is probably no surprise that Sacajawea, the young Lemhi Shoshone woman who accompanied the Lewis and Clark Expedition, should be the focus of considerable attention in Idaho, for the Lemhi Valley was her homeland. The Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee chose Sacajawea to be the image on the state bicentennial license plates. The Sacajawea Monument Committee will unveil a monumental statue of her as part of the state's kick-off of the bicentennial in January 2003. Sacajawea will also be one of the figures in the monumental statuary that will enhance the entryway into Lewiston along Highway 12. The Sacajawea Interpretive Center in Salmon will pay homage to Sacajawea and the Lemhi Shoshone. Idaho Public TV, in collaboration with Idanha Films, is producing a video program on "The Life and Legends of Sacajawea" that will be aired several times in Idaho and nationally during the commemoration.

A lesser-known, but very significant, Nez Perce woman is now also the focus of an important bicentennial project. Angel Sobotta, Nez Perce tribal member, is writing a play entitled, "How Weetxuuwiis (pronounced "Wet-que-ees.") Saved Lewis and Clark," and the Nez Perce Leepway Arts Council has received National Park Service Challenge Cost Share funding to produce a 45-minute video of the play. The Idaho State Historical Society and Governor's Committee are also financially supporting the project.

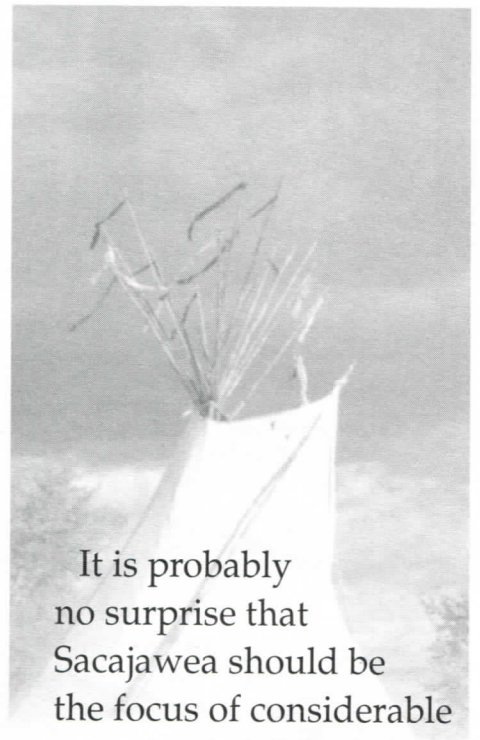
Alvin Josephy, Jr. tells the story of Weetxuuwiis in his masterful book, *The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest*.

"According to the Nez Percés the first of their own people to see white men and return to tell about them was a woman who, sometime late in the eighteenth century, was captured by Blackfeet or Atsinas during a raid in the Montana buffalo country and taken to Canada. There she was sold to another tribe living farther east, perhaps the Assiniboins or Plains Crees.

Eventually she was purchased by a white man, probably a French Canadian or halfblood, and lived for a while among the whites. They treated her with kindness....The girl gave birth to a child, after which things apparently did not go well for her, for she ran away and after several months of wandering, during which her child died, she reached a band of friendly Salish who restored her to her own people.

The Nez Percés called her Watkuweis which meant 'returned from a far away country,' and her stories of the white men...spread among the different Nez Perce villages. The Nez Perce say that it was Watkuweis, now aged and dying, whom William Clark saw in The Twisted Hair's village on the Clearwater...but the Nez Percés add that, although Clark did not know it, it was on her recommendation that the Indians received the expedition in a friendly manner. 'These are the people who helped me,' tribal tradition quotes the old woman as telling her people. 'Do them no hurt.'"

Were it not for Weetxuuwiis, the nation might now be noting a historical footnote of an unsuccessful expedition, rather than a national bicentennial commemoration of one of the most storied expeditions in history. The video produced by the Leepway Arts Council will make it possible for the new play to be seen by many who will not be able to attend the stage production, and will be available for continued viewing after the bicentennial.



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Some Upcoming Bicentennial Meetings and Events

34th Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Louisville, Kentucky, **July 28-31, 2002** (Contact: 502-292-0059)

Idaho Chapter of Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Teachers' Workshop, Salmon, **October 3-5, 2002** (Contact: Anne Schorzman, 208-345-8371)

Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee meeting, Salmon, **October 5, 2002** (Contact: Keith Petersen, 208-792-2249)

"Lewis and Clark, the Unheard Voices: The 200-year Impact on the Lands, the Peoples, the Histories, and the Cultures." Pennsylvania State University. **November 14-16, 2002,** (Website: LewisAndClark.outreach.psu.edu)

National Bicentennial Kickoff! "Jefferson's West: A Lewis and Clark Exposition," Charlottesville, Virginia **January 14-19, 2003,** (Contact: Nancy King, 434-984-9808)

Sacajawea Monument Committee dedication of the Sacajawea Monument, Boise, **January 2003,** (exact date not yet determined; contact: Keith Petersen, 208-792-2249)

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