



# Lewis and Clark Trail

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IDAHO CHAPTER



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## THE EXPEDITION CONTINUES ON

Each time I see the Lewis & Clark symbol I am reminded that the expedition did not end in 1806. The exciting thing is that we are still learning about it and from it. At each national meeting of the L & C Trail Heritage Foundation and in almost every issue of *We Proceeded On* scholars of the expedition present us with new findings. To me it is nothing short of amazing that after 181 years new information is still coming to light. The usefulness of the expedition also continues. The route itself is serving the communities through which it passed by attracting tourism and providing opportunities for healthful recreation. In addition, the values and skills that made the expedition a success can contribute to the education of our young people to help them develop in ways that will keep our nation adventurous, strong and *ethical*.

## BILLINGS MEETING A BIG SUCCESS

They did it right in the Big Sky Country! The 1987 meeting was outstanding in every way. Members from the Idaho Chapter in attendance were: Ben & Donita Aitken, Duane Annis, Dick & Pat Barrett, Ruthann Caylor, Steve & Connie Evans, Jim Fazio, Barbara Opdahl, Karl Roenke, Ralph & Judy Space and Marc & Helen Ware. Through the cooperation of Kathryn Keen-Hoene of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce, we also had a tabletop exhibit and literature to begin publicizing the 1990 meeting in Idaho. Much interest was expressed, and enthusiasm is high among our Idaho members, assuring us a good start on making the Idaho meeting one of the best. Incidentally, the dates of that meeting will probably be July 29 through August 1, which would mean the Wednesday night closing banquet will be on Clark's birthday. Next year the meeting is in Bismark, North Dakota, then in Bozeman, Montana in 1989.

## FALL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 26

Closer at hand is our fall meeting and it promises to be a dandy. Arrangements have been completed to hold a joint meeting with the new Traveller's Rest Chapter. Here is the schedule:

8:30 a.m. Meet at Nez Perce sign marking Traveller's Rest.  
This is on Route 12 in Lolo, Montana near the intersection with Hwy 93.

Led by Traveller's Rest president Bill Reich and vice-president Harry Fritz, we will proceed up the trail to Packer Meadows and the Lolo Visitor Center, looking at

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sites such as the suspected actual location of the Traveller's Rest campsite, Fort Fizzle of Nez Perce fame, Lolo Hot Springs, a relatively undisturbed stretch of trail with Indian trail markings still visible, and of course, Lolo Pass.

- Noonish Eat lunch (bring your own everything) at the visitor center, then enjoy a presentation by Harry Fritz titled "Why Idaho Drove Lewis Mad." Now, there is an audacious title for a Montanian to use! But it is vintage Fritz, a popular history professor at the Univ. of Montana and well-known member of the Montana legislature.
- Afternoon Led by Karl Rocnke and Duane Annis of the Clearwater National Forest, we will proceed down the trail, taking a look at Glade Creek campsite and ending up at the campsite by Powell Ranger Station. Duane & Karl will also discuss access to the trail route in Idaho and update us on protective measures and improvements related to it.
- Dinner The joint meeting will end with an informal dinner at rustic Lochsa Lodge (select from the menu.)
- 7:00 p.m. Idaho Chapter business meeting (Powell Ranger Station.) The main item of business will be adoption of chapter bylaws. [Because of the expense, a copy will be sent only to those who request one. Please use the enclosed form if you are willing to review the draft of this important document.] We will also discuss the 1990 meeting plans and any other business that may be brought up.

Lodging is available Friday night in Lolo or nearby. For Saturday night, rooms are being held for us at Lochsa Lodge, but you must contact Gus or Gerry Denton at 208/942-3405 as soon as possible to reserve a room. Space is limited, so please do this now. There are cabins and a small motel, with costs ranging from approx. \$20 to \$30.

*We hope you will join us for an interesting and important fall meeting!*

#### **IDAHO IS 7TH LARGEST IN MEMBERSHIP**

As interest in the Lewis & Clark Trail grows, so does membership in our chapter of the Foundation. Of the 47 states having members, Idaho ranks seventh. Here are the states: Montana, 220; Washington, 123; Oregon, 119; North Dakota, 109; California, 105; Missouri, 69; and Idaho, 55. Total membership now numbers 1202, with 330 attending the meeting in Billings.

#### **FOREST SERVICE HOSTS LOLO CLEAN-UP, FIX-UP**

The Clearwater National Forest's contribution to the nationwide Take Pride in America Campaign was a big success. For those 300+ of us who spent the weekend of July 25 and 26 in one of the three work camps, it was a memorable experience. Truckloads of

junk were picked up and hauled away, hunter camps were improved, directional signs erected and trail improved. Dawn and I, accompanied by my Napalesse grad student, members of the Idaho Trails Council, District Ranger John Bledsoe and others, had the pleasure of re-establishing a section of Lewis & Clark's route near the Smoking Place. It was one of those segments where there is no question about where the party traversed, and it was a real thrill to work on the trail in such an historic location. At the campfire program at day's end, I had the opportunity to describe the Foundation and pass out membership forms, which may result in a few new members.

Many thanks to Supervisor Jim Bates and the entire staff of the Clearwater National Forest for planning and bringing off such an ambitious undertaking. There is talk of repeating the event next year, as so much more work needs to be done, and we certainly encourage this.

#### **RUTHANN CAYLOR REPRESENTS CHAPTER AT DEDICATION**

Many thanks to Ruthann Caylor of Boise for representing the Idaho Chapter on July 11 at the dedication of Fort Cascades National Historic Landmark and an interpretive sign on the Columbia River. The sign interprets both the Oregon Trail and the Lewis & Clark Trail and is located between Bonneville Dam and Beacon Rock. The ceremony was arranged by Roy Craft and members of the Washington and Oregon L & C committees. Good weather and a nice turnout contributed to making the event a success and helping to make the public more aware of our historic environment.

#### **REMEMBER...**

Just got off the phone after talking with the manager of Lochsa Lodge. Not much space available, so please reserve your room for the September 26 meeting right away. We all look forward to seeing you and to sharing and learning along the Lewis & Clark Trail.

-- James R. Fazio,  
Editor & President  
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FALL MEETING ATTENDANCE FORM

*We need to provide a head count to Lochsa Lodge prior to the September 26 meeting. Please help by returning this promptly.*

Return by Sept. 15 to:

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the  
number of people  
that will attend each:

Field Trip (Traveller's Rest to Powell R.S.) \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner at Lochsa Lodge (from menu) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would like a L&C Trail Heritage membership form

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would like a review copy of the proposed bylaws  
for the Idaho Chapter (to be voted on at the business meeting)

- - See You on the Trail - -