



News from Idaho

Chapter Meeting Scheduled

The Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will gather May 2, 1987, in Orofino for its spring meeting, according to chapter president and Foundation director James R. Fazio. The primary agenda item for the meeting will be to "develop a skeletal plan" for the 1990 annual meeting of the Foundation which will be hosted by the chapter.

Governor's Committee

In his newsletter to the chapter members and to the Governor's Lewis and Clark Committee, Fazio commented on the rise of public interest in the Lewis and Clark Trail and its importance to Idaho tourism: "There is no question that public interest in the Lewis & Clark Trail route is on the rise. It is a goal of the governor's committee to foster this interest because of the direct link to increased tourist income for the state. It is also a way to help protect the trail route from the encroachment of roads, logging or developments of one kind or another. Therefore, it is

heartening to see such excellent news media coverage as provided by Edward W. Stepanek in the *Salmon Recorder-Herald* following our meeting. We also made it on the radio in Salmon prior to the meeting. Other items lately have appeared in the *Lewiston Tribune*. To wit:

The Lewis-Clark Economic Development Corporation would like to see a L&C museum built at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. A hotel-convention center developer has offered a parcel of land for the project, and a Spokane architectural firm has volunteered its services.

[The price of the facility is placed at \$500,000, with much of it to be raised through grants. The planners think it could be self-supporting once in operation. They also envision "signboards all along the 4,500-mile trail advertising . . . the museum" which they think would be "the first of its kind along the trail." Neither Idaho L&C committee has been invited to participate in the planning of the project.]

Clearwater Forest Plan

Updating chapter and committee members on the Clearwater National Forest Management Plan, Fazio writes: "Word from Jim Bates, supervisor of the Clearwater National Forest, is that the Forest Plan is now scheduled for completion next June. Delays have been caused by a number of factors, but the main one is a hold put on the planning process by the assistant Secretary of Agriculture to study 'cumulative effects' of forest plans in Idaho 'on the timber supply and the potential impacts on local communities.' Also, responses are being prepared by the Forest Service to 3250 letter-writers who expressed opinions on proposed management of the Clearwater. The final plan will be of considerable significance to the future of the Lewis & Clark Trail route through Idaho."

U of I to Repeat L&C Course

"Encouraged by the success of last year's summer course titled 'On the Trail of Lewis and Clark,' the University of Idaho will again hold the week-long program in August of 1987," Fazio writes. "On behalf of the L&C Trail committees, I wrote a letter of support for archaeologist Priscilla Wegars who is applying for a grant to add a special dimension to the 1987 course. Ms. Wegars has proposed that she accompany the other instructors and include discussion about archaeology, ethics involv-

ing artifacts and cultural differences, and perhaps even to include a small 'dig' at a known site of historical or prehistorical activity."

Another Idaho-related Lewis and Clark news item — "Smithsonian Tour Program to sponsor L&C tour" — can be found on page 23 of this issue of WPO.

