

Lewis and Clark Expedition Caucus
Federal Agency Action Update – June 1, 2000

On October 23, 1998, several members of the United States Senate formed the **Lewis and Clark Expedition Caucus** to ensure cooperation and coordination of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration. Fifteen Senators, including Senator Tim Johnson, representing nine states (SD, ND, IA, MT, ID, MO, WA, OR, IL) and ten federal agencies participate in the Caucus. Senator Tim Johnson has been working with his colleagues to generate support for the Bicentennial in Congress and to encourage cooperation among the ten federal agencies who signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

Senator Johnson initiated his action in 1998 by urging the Senate Appropriations Committee to support President Clinton's budget request of \$8.5 million for the preservation of the Lewis and Clark Historical Trail and by signing a letter, along with other interested Senators, asking the Appropriations Committee to make the bicentennial commemoration a priority in the upcoming years. In 1999 and 2000, Senator Johnson sent similar letters to Senate appropriators, again requesting federal funding for this important event.

To offset costs for the Bicentennial, Senator Johnson cosponsored legislation entitled, "The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act," which became law on December 6, 1999. The Act authorizes the U.S. Mint to produce a commemorative coin honoring the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Two-thirds of the funds received from the sale of the coins will be available to the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council for bicentennial-related activities. The remaining revenue will be donated to the National Park Service to help offset costs associated with its commemorative activities.

As a member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Senator Johnson participated in an April 21, 1999 hearing to review the MOU and progress being made to celebrate the bicentennial. Working groups from the Lewis and Clark Expedition Caucus have met throughout the nation and in Washington, D.C. to discuss implementation of the MOU. The working groups are identifying effective programs and budgetary needs to help commemorate the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Updated information concerning the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration can be accessed at **www.lewisandclark200.org**.

The following agencies and/or offices are designated under the Lewis and Clark Expedition Caucus to ensure cooperation and coordination of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial:

1. Department of Agriculture – U.S. Forest Service
2. Department of the Army – Army Corps of Engineers
3. Department of Education
4. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Geological Service
National Park Service
5. Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration

This directory will be updated as new information is received. If you would like an updated version or would like to offer information regarding activities by a federal agency for inclusion in this directory, please call Senator Tim Johnson's office at 202-224-5842 or, from anywhere in South Dakota, at 1-800-537-0025.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Indian country – the people, culture, and land – have much to offer and share both from a historical perspective and as people of the world today. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is the Federal agency within the Department of the Interior providing infrastructure support and development to American Indian nations. Their role is to uphold and promote the sovereign status American Indian governments enjoy with the United States of America. They encourage all to work directly with tribal governments and communities to obtain their active involvement in the bicentennial commemoration. The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, as well as the United States are the aboriginal home lands of the indigenous peoples now known as American Indians. Their story and relationship to the land is one which only they can provide and is essential to fully appreciating the Lewis and Clark experience. The BIA provides a framework for coordination and support, but cannot speak on behalf of or supplant the involvement of the American Indian tribal nations themselves.

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), with management responsibilities for over 300 miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Idaho and Montana, is serving as a launching point and a “museum without walls” for visitors to embark on their own journeys of discovery. The BLM is collaborating with local communities, states, federal agencies, tribal governments, and numerous partners to provide public access, enhance visitor experiences, restore and protect the trail, involve American Indian communities, and develop partnerships at all levels. One major BLM project involves a partnership with the local Pompeys Pillar Historical Association building the Pompeys Pillar Visitor Center in Montana. A second project focuses on a collaboration with the Forest Service East Central Idaho Planning Development Association, the City of Salmon, and the Lemhi Country Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee in developing a Sacajawea Center in Idaho. The BLM manages more than 300 miles of the Lewis and Clark Trail in Montana and Idaho.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Department of Education is using the Lewis and Clark expedition commemoration as a means to foster interest and excitement among American students for this and other historical expeditions. The agency, working with other governmental agencies, plans to maximize the learning opportunities afforded by the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. The Internet will be used to disseminate information to students and the general public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR–Federal Interagency Working Group

The Office of the Secretary in the Department of the Interior is leading a collaborative effort of the federal government agencies to effectively coordinate, in the spirit of partnership, the success of the bicentennial commemoration. With our partners – the Council, the tribes, the Foundation, the trail states, and the Congressional Caucus – we are working together to protect and preserve the natural, cultural, and historical trail resources; to accommodate visitors safely; to produce high quality, accurate visitor information; to provide leadership for America’s re-commitment to National Historic Trails; to foster appreciation of America’s indigenous nations and their role in the expedition; and to create partnerships for the long-term economic benefit of trail states, tribes, and the many communities along the trail.

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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

The United States Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration coordinates transportation programs in cooperation with states and other partners to enhance the country’s access, safety, economy, quality of life, and environment. The Federal-Aid Highway Program provides financial assistance to the states to construct and improve the National Highway System, other major roads, bridges, bicycles and pedestrian facilities and trails. The Federal Lands Highway Program provides access to and within national forests, national parks, Indian reservations and other public lands. Federal highway funds can benefit projects related to the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. These projects are selected through the states. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater designated the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail as one of the 146 National Millenium Trails through the White House Millenium Program. Several nationally recognized scenic byways, involving a myriad of partners, exist along the route Lewis and Clark traveled.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) has administrative oversight responsibilities for the entire Lewis and Clark Historic Trail. The NPS has implemented small cooperative projects in several states, and has proposed a mobile visitors' center and classroom that will travel along the Lewis and Clark route. The agency has two historians on staff in Lincoln, NE to examine the passage of Lewis and Clark and their Corps of Discovery on the Missouri River between Sioux City, IA and Fort Randall, SD. In addition to these projects, NPS has hosted interagency, and intertribal meetings to hear tribal perspectives, tribal plans and needs, and to demonstrate the intent of the agencies and the Bicentennial Council to consult and work with the tribes in the interpretation of the bicentennial. The major project proposal of the National Park Service is the "Corps of Discovery II, 200 Years to the Future" which will retrace the route of the original Corps of Discovery. Corps II is designed to be an innovative traveling educational service using current technologies which will link to bicentennial commemoration events along the Lewis and Clark route and present the many facets of Lewis and Clark's journey to America and the world. Presented by an interagency team, Corps II will focus on interpretative services, living history, creative partnering, and distance learning.

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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The route of the Lewis and Clark Trail lies within eight Districts of the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps manages 4,700 of the 5,000 miles of water trail from Pittsburgh to the Pacific Ocean – more responsibility than any other government entity. The Corps will play an important role during the bicentennial commemoration by accommodating increased visitation, ensuring visitor safety, safeguarding the environment, and providing public information on the Expedition and the role of the U.S. Army during the era of westward expansion. The Corps has embarked on an ambitious modernization program for several of its facilities along the trail to enhance visitor experiences, provide for visitor health and safety, and endure the preservation of America’s water legacy.

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USDA FOREST SERVICE

The USDA Forest Service bicentennial strategy focuses on protecting the trail, providing enhanced tourist services, and developing community partnerships between state and private forest interests on or near national forests, national grasslands, and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The Forest Service will perform this work in six Western states along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The Forest Service, the tribes, and the National Park Service are collaborating to inventory the cultural resources along the trail and develop inspection plans for their preservation. The Forest Service is establishing a Tribal Intern Program providing an outlet for tribes to tell their story of the Expedition. The Forest Service is working in partnership with local communities, groups, and the recreation, travel and tourism industries to reach a balance between developing and protecting nearby public segments of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

During the years of the bicentennial commemoration the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will collaborate with the National Park Service to develop a national history-oriented curriculum for use along the Trail and will design a major exhibit on wildlife conservation at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. The Service will also collaborate with the Missouri Department of Conservation on the Big Muddy National Wildlife Refuge. Cooperation with tribes will continue on projects similar to ongoing efforts by the Dwoorshak National Fish Hatchery and the Nez Perce Tribe to improve habitat along the Clearwater River in Idaho. Projects also will focus on the protection and interpretation of cultural resources at the Ridgefield National Fish Hatchery and at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge in Washington State, in cooperation with the Chinook Tribe. Additionally, the Fish and Wildlife Service is partnering with private and non-governmental organizations through its Partners in Wildlife Program to fund habitat restoration on private lands, such as along the Blackfoot and Big Hole Rivers in Montana.

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U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has scientific activities nationwide including all States along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. As the science agency for the Department of the Interior, the USGS sees a direct link between the scientific observations conducted by Lewis and Clark 200 years ago, and the scientific surveys and investigations conducted by the USGS in the 21st Century. During the bicentennial commemoration, the USGS will work with federal, state, tribal and local governments, and other organizations to conduct multi-disciplinary studies along the trail and on several rivers, including the Missouri and Columbia. These examinations will cover a wide range of issues from basic water quality and quantity measurements, to providing land managers with scientific characterization of the Lewis and Clark corridor, using geologic, biologic, cartographic, and hydrologic information. The first such characterizations were described by Lewis and Clark seeing the trail in its most pristine form.

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South Dakota Assistance Programs

South Dakota Department of Tourism

The South Dakota Department of Tourism continues to serve as the main collection and disbursement point for Lewis and Clark Bicentennial plans and events in South Dakota. In partnership with regional tourism associations, the State Lewis and Clark Trail map is in its third edition, with more than 100,000 copies printed. Other partners joining this project include the South Dakota Lewis and Clark Chapter, the Humanities Council, the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation, Public Radio, Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, and all the communities along the Trail. Other projects include a Teacher Institute this summer, several community festivals, and the opening of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Visitor Center on South Dakota's Interstate 90. Statewide meetings are held in April and October. South Dakota is proud to host the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's Conference in Pierre, SD on August 3-8, 2001.

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program

Agency: Department of Environmental and Natural Resources

Program Description: The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program was established to provide low interest loans for drinking water projects. In order to be eligible for the Clean Water SRF program, the applicant must meet one or both of the following: be a governmental entity with the authority to generate revenues and to repay either a general obligation, revenue obligation, sales tax obligation, or combination of these bonds, or be a non-profit corporation with the authority to generate revenues and repay a loan. The project must be on the State Water Plan prior to submitting the funding application.

An application may be submitted to the department at any time. It is estimated that the technical review and financial analysis will take 45 days. Interest rates and terms are 4.5% for 10 years, 4.75% for 15 years, and 5% for 20 years. The rates and terms are established each fall by the board.

Types of Support	Low interest loans
Eligibility	Government entities or nonprofit organizations
Deadline	Open
Contact	David Templeton, P.E. Director or visit the DENR web-site.
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Phone	(605) 773-3151
Web Site	www.state.sd.us.dennr

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Resource Guide

Agency: South Dakota Department of Tourism

Program Description: This is a statewide source of help to those interested in participating in the bicentennial. It offers suggestions and tips on how to get involved in the celebration, how to develop events and festivals, and provides resources to aid in the completion of your project.

Contact Information For more information call the South Dakota Department of Tourism.

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South Dakota Arts Council

Program Description: Nonprofit organizations that do not receive General Operating Support may apply for Project Grant Support.

Types of Support Financial Assistance

Deadline Applications are due by March 1st.

Contact Information South Dakota Arts Council

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Phone (605) 773-3131

River Conservation Grants

Agency: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Program Description: This program is available to municipalities, counties, intermunicipal authorities, and river support groups to conserve and enhance river resources. Nonprofit groups may qualify if they are acting on behalf of municipalities. Planning grants are available to identify significant natural and cultural resources, threats, concerns, special opportunities and to develop conservation plans. Implementation grants are available to carry out projects or activities defined in an approved river conservation plan. Grants require a 50% match.

Types of Support Financial Assistance

Eligibility Municipalities, counties, municipal and intermunicipal authorities, river support groups.

Contact Regional DCNR office. If you are unsure of the regional office nearest you refer to the web-Site or contact the Central Office Grants Center.

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Web Site www.dcnr.state.pa.us/grants/htm