



## Trail Program Brief, September 25, 2007

**Partnerships:** Lewis and Clark NHT (LECL) is a signatory for the Northwest Discovery Water Trail, a collaborative partnership of federal, state, and non-governmental organizations promoting recreation, safety, education, and stewardship on the Clearwater, Snake, and Columbia Rivers. The partnership was formalized at a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony at the Bonneville Dam on August 27, 2007. The National Park Service will also serve on the Steering Committee for this new network.

The LECL has drafted an MOU for collaborative administration of the Lewis and Clark Trail along its full length from Illinois to the Pacific Coast. This partnership would include federal, tribal, state, county, and municipal governments, and non-governmental organizations, private landowners, and volunteers. The draft, modeled after the MOU for the Federal Interagency Partnership for National Trail Administration, is currently under review by the trail's federal field partners.

The President's FY 2008 budget includes \$48,000 for LECL to enhance the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) program. The LECL and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation have had preliminary discussions about partnering to maximize the benefits of that potential funding across the 11 states of the trail.

### Challenge Cost Share Program highlights:



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A. During the Bicentennial, *Lewis and Clark Then and Now* presented 128 distance-learning programs shown live on [www.ali.apple.com/lewisandclark](http://www.ali.apple.com/lewisandclark). Today the website contains archived versions of each of these programs and related education materials. In addition, a new interactive website ([www.roundtripsacrosscurriculum.org](http://www.roundtripsacrosscurriculum.org)) and series of 11 DVDs have been developed for use by teachers and students.

B. The Mariners Memorial Park and Lewis and Clark Historical Garden, located on the path of the first journey of the Corps of Discovery to the Pacific Ocean, connects Chinookan, Corps of Discovery, and modern day seafaring, and exhibits indigenous plants important to both Chinookan culture and the Lewis and Clark journals.

C. The Corps of Discovery camped at Cottonwood Beach for 6 days in March and April of 1806. During their stay, they secured provisions for the return trip through the Columbia River Gorge and points east. Captain William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach in Washougal, Washington, sits at the entryway to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and will be a destination for visitors to the lower Columbia region for years to come.

**Comprehensive Management Plan:** Federal field partners are also reviewing the trail's 1982 Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) through a review matrix designed to facilitate pre-scoping for the new CMP. The LECL, the federal field partners, and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks assisted the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in developing an assessment tool which the Foundation will use through its Web site to capture "lessons learned" by the various partners during the Bicentennial. This feedback will help the Foundation respond to the new CMP process at the appropriate point in time.

**Trail History Education Initiative:** The LECL American Indian Liaison has been working with the Washington State Historical Society to develop a procedural and product outline for the *Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Bicentennial Legacy Curriculum*. Our plan is to contract the first phase of this project during Fiscal Year 2008.

**Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future:** The trail has acquired new equipment to replace failing hard drives at the Bicentennial period Corps II contract Web site. The Web site content will be archived on the new equipment before the contract expires later this year. The program assistant is also drafting a report on Corps II operations during the Bicentennial and related LECL initiatives; this report will serve as the official National Park Service Bicentennial Accomplishments report.

**Budget Cost Projection and Core Operations Analysis:** We have had several vacancies in non-core positions this fiscal year and are very close to reaching our core target organization. We anticipate that most of the vacant core positions will be filled by the end of calendar year 2007.