

APPENDIX F

Resource Management (RM) Project Details

Details of Tier I Resource Management projects listed in Chapter IV are provided below. The numbers in brackets following each description correspond to project numbers assigned by the Commission during the evaluation process (see Appendix A).

RM-1: Conduct Statewide Public Safety/EMS Assessment, Develop Plan

RM-1a: Statewide Safety/EMS Assessment and Plan

The Commission will spearhead a coordinated assessment, planning and implementation process, involving communities, federal, state and county entities, law enforcement offices, emergency medical services groups, and medical facilities. Once the assessment is completed, a plan to address needs will be developed and implemented by the appropriate entities. [LCBC15]

The USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management collectively manage a major portion of lands containing and surrounding Lewis & Clark sites and the Trail. Specific planning and implementation efforts are proposed by those agencies which should be coordinated with overall state assessment and planning efforts.

RM-1b: USFS Event Management and Emergency Services

Two planning strategies will ensure the health, safety and security of the public, while also protecting natural, cultural and heritage resource values. The first addresses the implementation of visitor and event management strategies at Lemhi Pass, Lewis & Clark Pass and Gibbon's Pass. The second addresses emergency and security services in partnership with local sheriffs' offices. An EMS analysis currently is being refined. Implementation will commence in 2001 and continue through 2006. [FS10]

RM-1c: BLM Emergency Planning

Emergency contingency planning and implementation is an integral part of the BLM planning process for the Bicentennial, from 2001-2006. The objective is to enhance emergency and security services for the Headwaters Trail corridor. An interpretive signage program will assist in providing information to safeguard the public. [BLM04C]

RM-1d: BLM Floater Information and Communication for the Upper Missouri River

The BLM is responsible for providing and maintaining floaters' navigational maps, safety messages, and information along the 149-mile Upper Missouri River (downstream from Fort Benton). Upgrades of the brochures, maps, and signboards are needed in 2002, 2003, and 2005. Strategic communication coverage is severely limited along the Upper Missouri River corridor. A wireless landline and radio network will be installed to assist with emergency and security response. [BLM02C, BLM02A]

RM-2: Enhance Agency Temporary Staffing

RM-2a: USDA Forest Service

At least fourteen additional interpreters, law enforcement staff, and caretakers are needed to enhance visitor experience and protect cultural sites from 2002 to 2006 at seven key locations: the Lolo Trail, Lewis & Clark Pass, Lost Trail Pass, Spring Gulch, Lemhi Pass, Gibbon's Pass, and Gates of the Mountains. [FS12]

RM-2b: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Eight staff are needed to provide interpretation, maintenance, security, event management, and resource protection from 2002 to 2006. Most positions will be seasonal, with some year-round supervision. The Great Falls, Bozeman and Helena areas will require public information staff, seasonal interpreters and maintenance personnel. Seasonal interpreters also are needed in the Glasgow area. Visitor safety staff will be used in all regions. [FWP01]

RM-2c: Bureau of Land Management

- Upper Missouri Corridor: Seasonal on-site interpreters and caretakers are needed to provide additional public services and volunteer staff from 2001 to 2006. [BLM02H]
- Blackfoot River Corridor: Two (2) seasonal support staff needed to provide additional public services 2002 to 2006. [BLM03J]
- Headwaters Corridor: One (1) seasonal support staff needed to provide additional public services from 2002 to 2006. [BLM04E]

RM-2d: Bureau of Reclamation

Two (2) summer seasonal interpreters, tribal and non-tribal, are needed to conduct interpretive programs at Clark Canyon Reservoir and surrounding communities from 2001 to 2006. [BOR08]

RM-2e: Montana Historical Society: State Lewis & Clark Historian

The Montana Historical Society will develop a Montana "anchor" Lewis & Clark exhibit, to be housed in a reconstructed gallery at the Society in Helena. The exhibit will focus on the people who lived in the geographic region now known as Montana; their homelands, economy, social activities, contact with and legacy from the Expedition. Also, a full-time, professional, qualified Lewis & Clark historian will assist with interpretation and dissemination of data, and offer guidance to anyone seeking information about Lewis & Clark. [MHS01, MHS02]

RM-3: Provide Facilities & Services for Increased Visitation

RM-3a: State Parks Resource Assessments, Capital Improvements and Visitor Services

Facility and resource inventories will be conducted at premier Lewis & Clark sites in State Parks ownership. Data gathering will take place from 2001–2003, and include an inventory of visitor facilities, cultural resource surveys and recording of natural resources. The needs of state parks will be prioritized based on visitor impact and known at-risk resources. This work also will provide valuable information in the development of interpretive plans, exhibits and educational materials. Infrastructure and capital improvements are necessary at Giant Springs, Missouri Headwaters, and Clarks Lookout State Parks to meet the pressure of increased Bicentennial visitation. Improvements are planned in 2001-2003, based on necessary, modest, and permanent enhancements to roads, campgrounds and picnic areas. FWP will protect resources at five primary and 25 secondary Lewis & Clark

sites located in five different regions from 2001–2006. Plans include temporary facilities for additional visitors to augment increased toilet pumping, road maintenance, and equipment for special events as needed. Visitor information items, web site development, reservation systems, exhibit development, and education and interpretive programs also will be included. [FWP02, FWP03, FWP04]

RM-3b: Lemhi Pass Management

Lemhi Pass National Historic Landmark is a backcountry gateway between Montana and Idaho. An anticipated increase in use of this Lewis & Clark site creates a need to interpret and protect the historic resources that are found within this area. Actions planned in preparation for the Bicentennial include improved interpretation and traveler information, management of Lemhi Pass road and parking, and reconstruction of facilities to improve accessibility and safety. [FS03]

RM-3c: James Kipp Recreation Area Infrastructure Improvements

Improvement to the infrastructure of the James Kipp Recreation area is necessary to support increased visitor use. Plans include site and facilities preparation; Trail interpretation, accessibility/road upgrades, and potable water development. [BLM02M]

RM-3d: Temporary and Volunteer Host Facilities: Bureau of Land Management

The Upper Missouri Trail corridor from Ft. Benton to the James Kipp Park Recreation Area, is predicted to experience increased usage during the Bicentennial. Temporary facilities/accommodations are needed during the Commemoration for emergency and security objectives, public information points, sanitation, refuse collection, access point interpretive information and other amenities. Trained volunteer hosts provide public information, education and interpretive information to visitors in this corridor. Contact stations for the volunteer hosts at major access points along the river are needed, and existing contact station trailers are in need of major repair or replacement by 2002. [BLM02B, BLM02D]

