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In order to enlarge and enrich the history of the period of European contact, Montana's tribal nations are integral to all facets of developing interpretation for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Particular areas that have not been fully addressed, and that can only be understood with tribal help, include:

- The range in Montana (and surrounding states and provinces) that each particular nation utilized and traveled through at the time of Lewis and Clark
- Maps that include geographic place names from both the explorer's journals and appropriate tribes. Large drainages like the Yellowstone and Missouri might be named in half a dozen or more languages to demonstrate the overlapping ranges of peoples who utilized the grassland and mountain landscapes of Montana.
- Whenever possible, oral accounts of encounters between specific tribes and the corps of Discovery should be set next to journal entries of the same event, to allow for a larger perspective on these crucial incidents.

To help achieve these goals, a contact person has been identified on each reservation in Montana, plus the Shoshone reservations in Idaho

and Wyoming that include bands closely associated with the Lewis and Clark Expedition in Montana. Ultimately, this list should include additional contacts from first nations people in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba who are specifically named in the journals.

MONTANA

1. Northern Cheyenne

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The Northern Cheyenne are a tribe that moved west from the Great Lakes Region, adapted a Plains style of life, and wandered widely across the West during the period of American expansion.



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2. Salish-Kootenai

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The Flathead Tribe has published its own pamphlet that includes oral accounts of their meeting with Lewis and Clark at Ross's Hole.

3. Crow

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The Crow have an oral account of men returning with Sergeant Prior's horses.

4. Rocky Boy - Chippewa-Cree

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The Chippewa and Cree people on the rocky Boy reflect both the movement of eastern tribes into the plains and the impact of the Canadian fur trade in Montana before the arrival of Lewis and Clark.

5. Fort Belknap - Assiniboine and Gros Ventre

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These are two of the tribes that confused Lewis and Clark the most and their status and relationship needs to be clarified. Oral histories of both peoples imply involvement in the Marias River incident.

6. Blackfeet

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Darrell Kipp, L & C Bicentennial Commission

The planning office is setting up a commission for the event. Members are Ray Montoya and Madeline Parsons. The tribe is interested in interpretation at Camp Disappointment, and will help to arrange meetings with related Blackfeet bands on Canadian reserves.

7. Fort Peck - Assiniboine and Sioux

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The Fort Peck council has formed a tourism group. The Assiniboine have an oral version of the Marias River skirmish with Meriwether Lewis. Jeannie Edie, who grew up in Poplar, is on the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission

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8. Shoshone-Bannock

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Josephina, assistant

Very interested in interpretation from Camp Fortunate to Lemhi Pass.

9. Easter Shoshone of Wyoming Wind River Reservoir

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The grave of Sacagawea is on the reservation. They are interested in interpretation.

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Dear Mr. Nesbet:

I would like to express my appreciation in your interest in the Lewis and Clark interpretative projects. I would also like to express the interest of the Blackfeet Tribe to continue our involvement in this project.

Please keep me informed at the address below or at (406) 338-5194:

Mr. Jack Edmo, Sr.
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Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack Edmo, Sr.

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July 17, 1999

Clint Blackwood
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission
Helena, Montana

Dear Mr. Blackwood:

I am writing not only as a cultural consultant, but as a member of the Gros Ventre Tribe. We are the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes of Fort Belknap Reservation, and are located on the highline in North Central Montana.

I am informing the commission that we want the opportunity to make recommendations and provide input in the planning of the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Your consideration is appreciated, I can be reached at the address and telephone number above.

Sincerely,



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August 2, 1999

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RE: LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETATIVE PROJECT

Dear Mr. Mattson or Mr. Nisbet,

Lewis and Clark's expedition into the Northwest would have been impossible without the help of the Native people, especially the Shoshone Nation. Our role, as the native participants, is important and our story must be incorporated into the historical accounts.

We feel it is very important that our story be expressed and incorporated into the events being planned for the forthcoming Lewis and Clark celebration. It is our interest to work with federal agencies, their contractors, and historical societies, to plan the interpretations and events. However, it is extremely important that funding become available to assist us in this effort.

The Heritage Group may consider to propose erecting statues of the Native people who participated in the Lewis and Clark expedition. Individuals who should be represented because of their role in the expedition are Sacajewa, Camawait, and the Shoshone scouts that helped in the expedition. The wall could tell the Shoshone story about our culture before Lewis and Clark and might include planting native plants and tell of their uses. The wall might want to represent the aboriginal territories of the Shoshone and tell of our food sources. It could also tell of our lifestyles during and after Lewis and Clark.

Tribes are usually limited on financial and staff resources to fully devote time to work on projects. We would strongly encourage your group to stress the importance on federal agencies to fund tribes in this Lewis and Clark effort. We appreciate the time and effort that you gave to keeping us informed and we apologize for the length of time it takes to respond to your letters.

Should there be additional questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at (208) 478-3706 or 3707. Recently, our telephone prefix changed from 238 to 478. We can also be contacted at our e-mail address heto@poky.srv.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diana Yupe', is written over the typed name.

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Cc: 1.lewis.clark project



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