

Public Law 100-552  
100th Congress

An Act

Oct. 28, 1988

[S. 1704]

To authorize the establishment of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

16 USC 1244  
note.

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the site at which the historic Lewis and Clark Expedition commenced in St. Louis, Missouri, and the site at which the expedition terminated at Fort Clatsop in Oregon have been recognized as sites of historic significance on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail; and

(2) the historic significance of the travels of Lewis and Clark on the High Plains and their portage around the Great Falls of the Missouri requires additional recognition and interpretation.

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SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.

(a) LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER.—That to further the public's understanding and provide appropriate interpretation of the scope and accomplishments of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, within the State of Montana and along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Center"). The Secretary shall establish the Center upon the transfer by the State of Montana to the United States of the lands described in subsection (b) and such additional easements and other rights as the Secretary deems necessary to ensure adequate public access to the Center.

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information.

(b) MAP.—The Center shall consist of those lands, located in the vicinity of Great Falls, Montana, donated by the State of Montana, not to exceed fifty acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Boundary Map, Proposed Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center", dated June 1980. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Chief, United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, and the State of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

(c) REVERSION OF LANDS.—Any lands or portions of lands granted to the Secretary by the State of Montana for use in connection with the Center shall revert to the State of Montana if, at any time, the Secretary uses such lands for any purpose other than those authorized under this Act.

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SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall administer the Center in accordance with this Act and the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the national forests in such manner as will best provide

for the interpretation of the scope and accomplishments of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail within the State of Montana. In no event shall the Center be used for purposes other than those provided for by this Act.

(b) PLAN.—Within two years after the establishment of the Center, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, a plan for the development and interpretation of the Center. Such plan shall include but not be limited to provisions for—

(1) interpretation to the public of available historic resources, documents, and artifacts associated with the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and

(2) development of facilities for public use and enjoyment of the area.

(c) DONATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may accept donations of funds, property, or services from individuals, foundations, corporations, or public entities for the purpose of providing services and facilities which he deems consistent with the purposes of this Act.

(d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In administering the Center, the Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Montana, or any political subdivision thereof, for the rendering, on a reimbursable basis, of rescue, firefighting, and law enforcement services and cooperative assistance by nearby law enforcement and firefighting departments or agencies. The Secretary is also authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal agencies, and with State or local public agencies for the development and operation of facilities and services in furtherance of the purposes of this Act. The Secretary is encouraged to develop, in conjunction with the State of Montana, a cooperative management plan for the entire Giant Springs Park which will enhance the general public's opportunity to use and enjoy the Center as well as the nearby historical sites, and other State and Federal lands.

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and crime.

(e) COOPERATING ASSOCIATION.—The Secretary is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Portage Route chapter of the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation or a similarly affiliated organization to provide educational and interpretive materials to the public that highlight the travels of Lewis and Clark, High Plains Indians, explorers, or other historical features of the area, that are compatible with the purposes of the Center. Such agreement shall include but not be limited to each of the following:

Education.

(1) Provisions requiring the Foundation to obtain and maintain its status as a nonprofit tax-exempt organization.

(2) A provision permitting the Secretary to have access to the documents and records of the Foundation that involve the Center.

(3) The Foundation shall agree to return to the Center the profits earned from the sale of educational and interpretive materials.

(4) Minimum operating requirements and procedures for the sale of educational and interpretive materials at the Center.

(5) A procedure to settle disagreements between the Foundation and the Secretary.

(6) Reasonable rent and maintenance costs for the use of an area within the Center.

(7) Other items of mutual agreement.

The Secretary may terminate the agreement for good cause.

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#### SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subsection (b), there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, including such sums as may be necessary for the planning and designing of, and site preparation for, the Center and associated structures and improvements.

(b) **CONSTRUCTION OF INTERPRETIVE CENTER.**—There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not more than \$3,500,000 for the construction of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center and associated structures and improvements.

(c) Any new spending authority described in subsection (c)(2)(A) of section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 which is provided under this Act shall be effective for any fiscal year only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts.

#### SEC. 5. MISSOURI RIVER WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.

16 USC 1274  
note.

Subsection (g) of section 203 of the Act approved October 12, 1976 (90 Stat. 2327, 2329), is amended as follows:

(1) Strike out "except" in paragraph (1)(G) and insert in lieu thereof "including".

(2) Strike out "National Park Service" in paragraph (2) and insert in lieu thereof "Bureau of Land Management".

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#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1704 (H.R. 1982):

**HOUSE REPORTS:** No. 100-788 accompanying H.R. 1982 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

**SENATE REPORTS:** No. 100-526 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

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