Appendix D. Tourism Report

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA)/HB 495
TOURISM REPORT

The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has initiated the review process as mandated by HB 495 and the Montana Environmental Policy Act in its consideration of the project described below. As part of the review process, input and comments are being solicited. Please complete the project name and project description portions and submit this form to:

Victor Bjornberg
Tourism Development Coordinator
Montana Promotion Division
Department of Commerce
1424 9th Avenue
Helena, MT 59620-0533

Project Name

Travelers' Rest State Park

Project Description

Site development and interpretive programming at Travelers' Rest State Park in Lolo. This project will develop visitor amenities, park infrastructure, and interpretive programming at the site.

1. Would this site development project have a impact on the tourism economy?
   NO YES If YES, briefly describe:
   Travelers' Rest was a critical stop for the Lewis and Clark Expedition in both 1805 and 1806. Additionally, the area was an important crossroads for indigenous people for centuries before the Corps of Discovery stopped here. The discovery of physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark party has elevated Travelers' Rest to a site of national historic importance. The impending bicentennial commemoration of that journey will focus tremendous attention on this site.

2. Does this impending improvement alter the quality or quantity of recreation/tourism opportunities and settings?
   NO YES If YES, briefly describe:
   Creation of Travelers' Rest State Park provides a destination for tourists with an interest in the expedition, Native Americans who used the area, and the European settlers who followed in the wake of Lewis and Clark. This project will engage visitors, encouraging them to return

Signature Victor A Bjornberg
Date June 5, 2003

Appendix E. State Historic Preservation Office letter

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RE Traveler's Rest Addition

Paul:

Thanks for sending us a copy of Dori's report. We have nothing to add at this time. IF you do get some input from the Tribes we would appreciate hearing about that also. When Dan Hall's work is further along we should put all this together. If possible you may wish to talk to Dan before that, he would have more first hand knowledge and more input from locals regarding those properties than any one else.

Stan Wilmoth