Lewis & Clark Trail Research Presentation to Idaho Lewis & Clark Governor's Committee Powell Ranger Station, Idaho September 12, 2014

PRESENTER

RESEARCHER IDENTIFICATION

The researcher named below has duly applied to use records administered by the National March 1948 of the United States.

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PRESENTER BACKGROUND

Professional Career Highlights

<u>Professional Degrees</u>

Ph.D.	EE	Iowa State University, 1978,
		Dissertation Title: "Spectral Analysis Methods for Noisy Sampled-Data Systems."
M.S.	EE	Iowa State University, 1973,
		Thesis Title: "Noise and Sensitivity-Measurement Theory for Receiving Systems
		and Circuits."
B.S.	EE	Montana State University, 1966
Work F	History	
1966-19	•	Collin Radio (RF Design Engineer), Cedar Rapids, Iowa. TACSATCOM first
		military tactical satellite communication system, low noise radio system
		development.
1970-1975		Iowa State University (Instructor, B-base), Ames, Iowa. Electrical Technology.
		ISU University Research Fellowship
		University of Iowa: Physics Research Center, research engineer
		Ruscom Engineering: Private Consultant
1976-1980		Rockwell-Collins (Engineer/Scientist V, NAVSTAR GPS Program, Avionics
		Advanced Technology), Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
1980-1984		King Radio: Principal Engineer and Head of Advanced Technology Group.
1984-20	007	Iowa State University: Electrical and Computer Engineering Faculty,
		Communication Theory, Circuit Theory, Statistics, Discrete Mathematics,
		Computer Networking, Computer Security, Wireless Security. 5 patents, 37 MS &
		PhD students graduated, Warren Boast Teaching Excellence Award, chaired
		various committees, created PhD program in Communications and Digital Signal
		Processing. Retirement in Spring, 2007, granted Emeritus status.
2007-20	014	Retirement
		Historic Trails Research
		Traditional Jazz Musician, Band Leader, Music Arranger

TRAIL RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 1985-2004 Research on the Lewis & Clark NHT, Idaho & Montana
- 1986-1998 Research on the Virginia & Lewiston Wagon Road (Bird-Truax Trail)
- 1978-2014 Research on Historic Trails of Montana and Idaho: Lolo Trail NHL, Nez Perce National Historic Trail, Northern Nez Perces Trail, Southern Nez Perces Trail, Mullan Wagon Road 1854, John Work 1831, Carroll Trail 1875, Oregon-California Trail 1843, Old North Trail (prehistoric), Bozeman Trail, Snake River Expedition 1825, Clift Indian Trails 1869, Florence-Lewiston Wagon Road, 1825 Snake River Expedition, 1872 WR Lewiston Mt Idaho, 1872 WR Mt Idaho Lewiston, Boise & Kooskia Trail 1877, Boise & Silver City & California Trail, Boise & Camp Lyons Trail, Bozeman Trail to Virginia City, Camp Lewis & Fort Shaw Trail 1875, Carroll Trail Wagon Road Montana, Clearwater Battlefield Trail 1877, Clift Wagon Road Exploration 1869, Diamond City & Canyon Ferry Road 1869, Florence & Slate Creek Trail, Florence & Lewiston Wagon Road, Florence & Warren Trail, Fort Boisee to Montana Road, Fort Hall North South Trail 1850, Freemont Explorations, Goodrich Trail (Idaho City & Rocky Bar), Idaho City & Lewiston Trail, Kelton State Road Idaho, Milner Trail Idaho 1862, Old North Trail (Ice Age), Oregon-California Military Road, Snake Expedition Kittson HBC 1825, Tongue River Road 1880s, Umatilla Road 1867 (Silver City)

BOOKS, MONOGRAPHS, AND WEBSITES

Geographical report on the Bird-Truax Trail: Its history and geography by Steve F. Russell. Historic Trails Research, Ames, Iowa (1988)

Lewis and Clark Across the Mountains: An Engineer Tracks the Trail by Steve F. Russell (1997-98). Idaho Public Television, (Website:) http://idahoptv.org/lc/echoes/gps/LCengr.cfm.

Echoes of a Bitter Crossing by Idaho Public Television, (one-hour DVD Video) Bruce Reichert, Producer (1999)

Echoes of a Bitter Crossing: Campfire Discussion by Idaho Public Television, (DVD Video) Bruce Reichert, Producer (1999) (Website:) http://idahoptv.org/lc/echoes/campfire.cfm

Mystery of Lost Trail Pass: A Quest for Lewis and Clark's Campsite of September 3, 1805, Edited by James R. Fazio, with authors: James R. Wolf, Hadley B. Roberts, Robert Bergantino, J. Wilmer Rigby, and Steve F. Russell. Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Great Falls, Montana. (2000) ISBN-13: 9780967888712

Across the Snowy Ranges: The Lewis and Clark

Expedition in Idaho and Western Montana by James R.
Fazio, Mike Venso and Steve F. Russell. Woodland Press (hardcover, 204 pages, photos, maps) 1st edition (April 1, 2001) ISBN-13: 978-0961503147

<u>Virginia City and Lewiston Wagon Road Report: 1865-1870</u> by Steve F. Russell. Historic Trails Research, Ames, Iowa (2001) ISBN-13: 978-0-9676327-1-1

Hike Lewis and Clark's Idaho by Mary Aegerter and Steve F Russell. Caxton Press (2002). Distributed by the University of Nebraska Press for the University of Idaho Press. ISBN-13: 9780893012571

Ordway's Salmon River Fishing Expedition: Research Results for Summer 2002 by Steve F. Russell. Historic Trails Research, Ames, Iowa. (2003) HTR Technical Report No. 01A03

Ordway's Salmon River fishing Expedition, (Brochure) (c) Steve f. Russell. Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Lewiston, Idaho (2002)

<u>Lewis and Clark : Lolo trail precision survey: summary of research results</u> by Steve F. Russell. Historic Trails Research, Ames, Iowa (2005)

<u>Lewis and Clark Across the Mountains: Mapping the Corps of Discovery in Idaho</u> by Steve F. Russell, Idaho State Historical Society, Boise, Idaho (2007) ISBN-10: 0-931406-16-1

AND NUMEROUS PRESENTATIONS

Echoes of a Bitter Crossing

Idaho Public Television



CAMPFIRE DISCUSSION

Left to Right: Steve F. Russell, Cort Conley, Norm Steadman, Chuck Raddon, Alan Pinkham



Steve F. Russell

What is Your Greatest Concern for the Lewis & Clark Trail?

My greatest concern for this trail is that right now, it's in a condition that is as close to the condition it was in when Lewis and Clark passed as we can hope for or imagine. My concern is that things will happen that will change the historic character of the trail so that we would no longer recognize it as an historic trail and no longer recognize this route and this land as what Lewis and Clark might recognize if they came through day.

If Lewis and Clark came through today, particularly Smoking Place, Willow Ridge, Bold Butte, down into Hungry Creek, except for some vegetation changes, I think they would really see essentially the same country they saw when they passed. But I'm real concerned about what I would call development, in the sense that development would occur to where this route would become an established trail of campsites, and lose that historic wild character.

*IDENTIFICATION

*DOCUMENTATION

PRESERVATION

INTERPRETATION

Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Researchers on the Lewis and Clark Trail in Idaho

HISTORICAL

- 1814 Nicholas Biddle & Paul Allen
- 1866 George B. Nicholson
- 1893 Elliot Coues
- 1898 Olin D. Wheeler
- 1905 Reuben G. Thwaites
- 1925 Jack Harlan

CONTEMPORARY

- c1964 Ralph Space
- 1966 John Peebles
- 1968 Ralph Space
- c1969 Andy Arvish & Ralph Space
- c1982 Karl Roenke
- 1986 Steve F. Russell
- 2000 Martin Plamondon
- 2002 Gene and Molly Eastman
- 2004 Ted Hall
- 2005 Gene and Molly Eastman
- 2007 Steve F. Russell



LEWIS & CLARK IN NORTH-CENTRAL IDAHO 1805-1806

(83 Days and 369 trail miles in North-Central Idaho)

Westbound: Crossed from Montana to Idaho, Lolo Pass, September 13, 1805 Crossed from Idaho to Washington, Lewiston, October 10, 1805

Eastbound: Crossed from Washington to Idaho, Lewiston, May 5, 1806 Crossed from Idaho to Montana, Lolo Pass, June 29, 1806

Major Trail Segments

104 TOTAL MILES; Lolo Pass to Weippe Prairie (Party); (Westbound), Sep 13 to Sep 22, 1805

65 TOTAL MILES; Weippe Prairie to Lewiston (Party); (Westbound), Sep 22 to Oct 10, 1805 (includes travel on water)

81 TOTAL MILES – Lewiston to Weippe Prairie (Party), (Eastbound), May 5 to Jun 10, 1806

134 TOTAL MILES – Kamiah to Snake River Canyon and Return (Ordway), May 27 to Jun2, 1806

I have hiked all the public land and whatever private land was available to me.

Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail HIGHLIGHTS

Preserving a Rare Heritage Resource of National Interest

- 1. There are 369 miles of Lewis & Clark Trail in North-Central Idaho.
- 2. Of these, approximately 149 miles are on public land and 220 miles are on private land.
- 3. Of the 149 miles on public land, about 116 miles are in prime condition and exhibit the characteristics of the old indigenous trails of the 1800s.
- 4. The remaining 33 miles have been impacted by logging, and road building.
- 5. The 116 miles of prime Lewis & Clark Trail represent a valuable national legacy for historic trails, as much as, if not more than, the Oregon Trail, Old Santa Fe Trail, or any of the other National Historic Trails such as the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.
- 7. What I ask for, from the State of Idaho, the Forest Service, the National Park Service, and all people in the Nation, is that we work together to protect this rare heritage resource from destruction by development, misguided and uninformed management, and any other potential agents of unwise change or outright destruction.

HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Preserving a Rare Heritage Resource of National Interest

- 8. By careful planning, management, and protection, this trail can be preserved for future generations, generations of stake holders who do not yet have a place at the table. It is up to the current generation to keep their ambitions and egos in check, and to act, in a selfless way, in the best interest of present and future trail enthusiasts.
- 9, My 27 years of scholarly research on historic trails, many of those devoted to the precise determination of the location of the Lewis & Clark trail treads and campsites, provides most of the necessary information to develop and implement a management plan that truly deserves the label of "Preserving a Rare Heritage Resource."
- 10. Now, 2014, is the time to act and set in place management practices and protections for this trail. I have been struggling to make this happen since the early 1990s, but it is clear that many people across many organizations and groups are needed to make it happen -- not just one person.

PLEASE TAKE UP THE FLAG TODAY FOR PRESERVING THIS RARE AND REMARKABLE LEGACY OF WESTERN HISTORY

IDAHO'S GIFT TO THE NATION

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

INFERENCE

A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning.

- We all use inference in our private lives and in our work lives. Inference is everywhere!
 However, nobody is alive today that has any first-hand knowledge of Lewis and Clark
 and the trails they traveled. In this area of research, top-notch inference skills are
 essential.
- My inference skills are derived from a 43-year career in research and development using the highest quality academic research standards and the inference skills it requires.
- My trail research inference skills were obtained through 27 years of primitive camping and hiking the erosion traces of many trails and wagon roads. My skill in being able to identify the trail characteristics of, and the differences among, historic trails, Forest Service trails, wild game trails, cow trails, hunter trails, etc, It has taken years of on-theground experience.
- These inference skills were also strengthened by years of using logic and reasoning as well as using tools such as GPS, GIS and mathematical methods of data analysis.
- For the basis of my research, I use only original sources such as historic journals and maps, geographic clues, topography, satellite photos, and historic aerial photos.
- There is seldom an absolute truth that exists for things historical. It is no less true for historic trails. Trails researchers can engage in a heated argument that they are right and you are wrong but what they really are saying is the "My inference skills are better than yours."

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES AND DOCUMENTATION

The Clearwater National Forest Plan is currently in revision. If the Forest Service is receptive, this would be an excellent time to add historic trail management into the plan. Since the plan is broad, a short paragraph is all that is need to bring attention to this area. The paragraph can give an overview and then refer to an ancillary document entitled "Historic Trail Management and Maintenance Practices."

This ancillary document can specify management goals for historic trails. It can define who is in control of, and responsible for, this management. It can also flesh out the details of how the trail is maintained. (Currently, trail crews maintain all trails to the same standards).

The number one priority of historic trail management should be to kept the indigenous nature of the trails. The following practices are not acceptable for management of an historic trail: 1) rerouting, 2) extending the length of switchbacks, 3) installing waterbars, 4) covering the natural surface with gravel, asphalt, or other non-natural material, 5) building modern trailheads.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES AND DOCUMENTATION (Cont.)

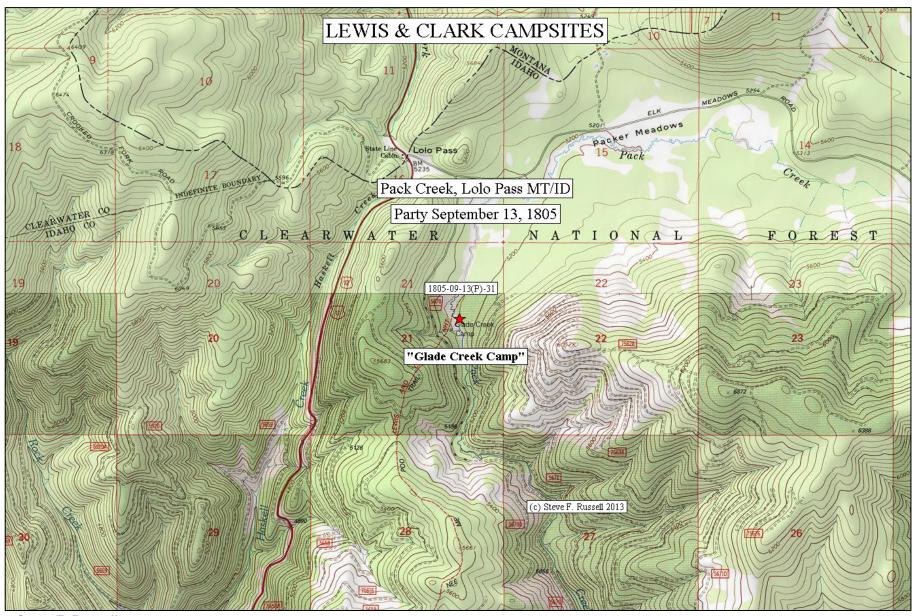
Selected small portions of these trails can be brushed out and interpreted for forest visitors. Brushing should only be done as wide as needed for foot and horse traffic – no wider. Small downfall less than 6 inches in diameter and less than 14 inches above the trail surface should be left in place to discourage motorcycle and mountain bike traffic. ATV use is a separate problem. I have seen where ATV users carry chain saws and cut out trails to fit them -- in defiance of Forest Service policy. If they decide to cut it out, windfalls are not a barrier.

It has been the practice of the Clearwater National Forest to manage the trails of the Lolo Trail corridor in such a way as to cater to the needs of a very small group of people, e.g. the Appaloosa Horse Club and the Idaho Outfitters and Guides who work the Lolo Motorway area. This preferential treatment has to stop. It is public land on a national scale and should be managed for everyone, not for just a few local influential groups.

THE CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST DOES NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THE WORD "NATIONAL"



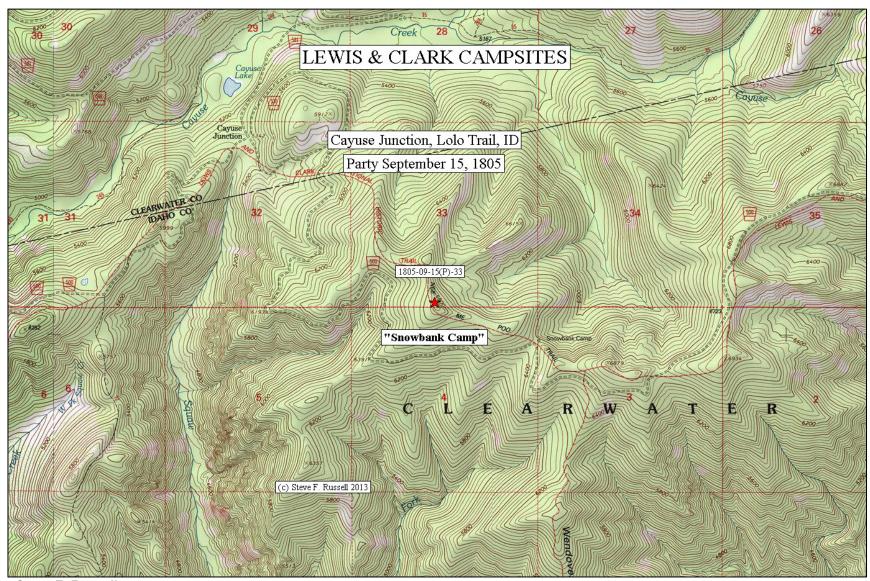
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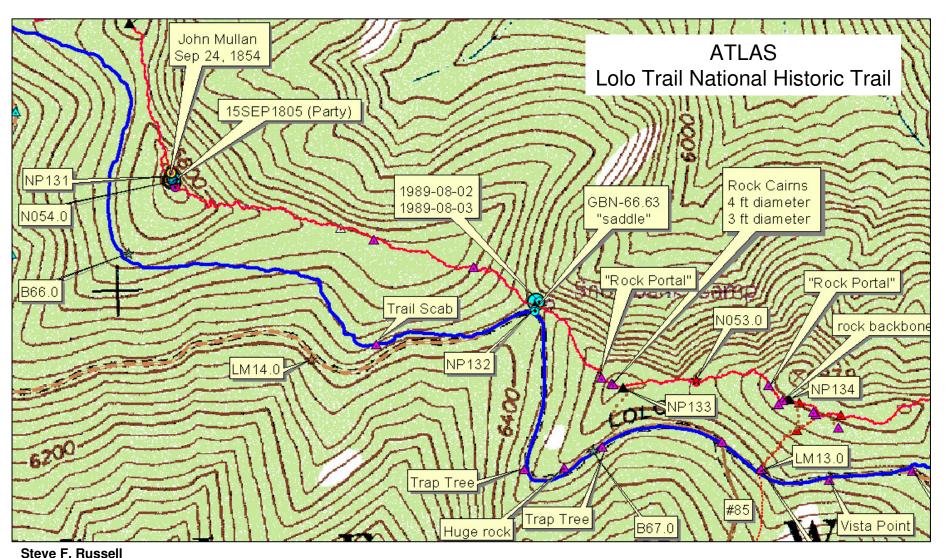
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Snowbank Camp Sep 15, 1805 Lolo Trail east of Cayuse Junction



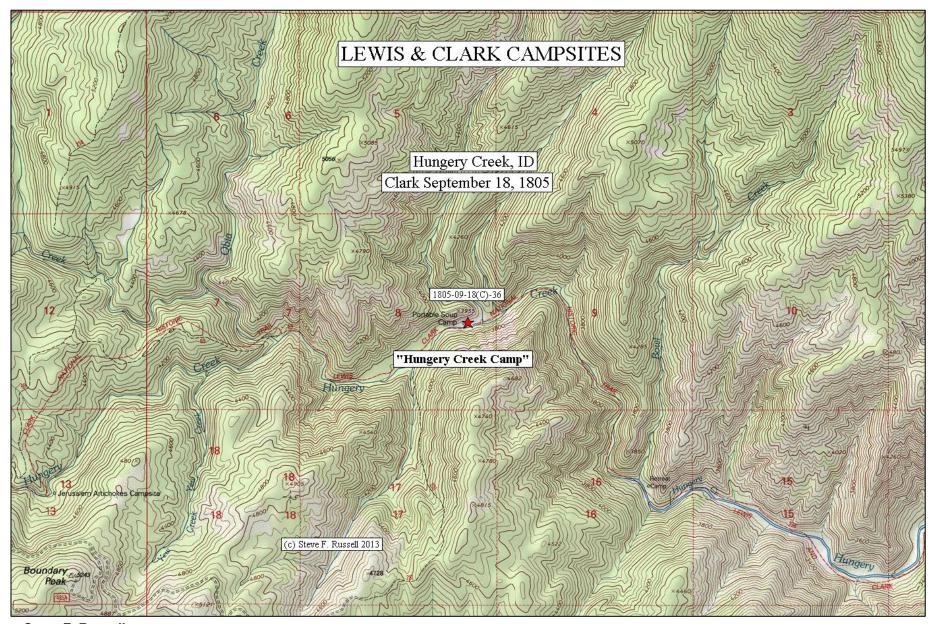
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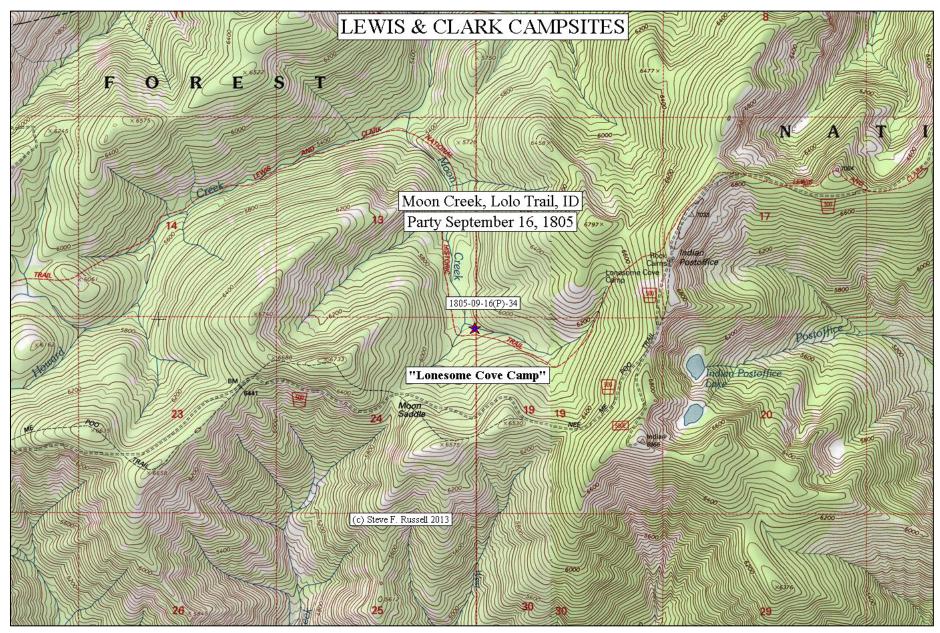
Hungery Creek Camp (Clark) Sep 18, 1805 Hungery Creek



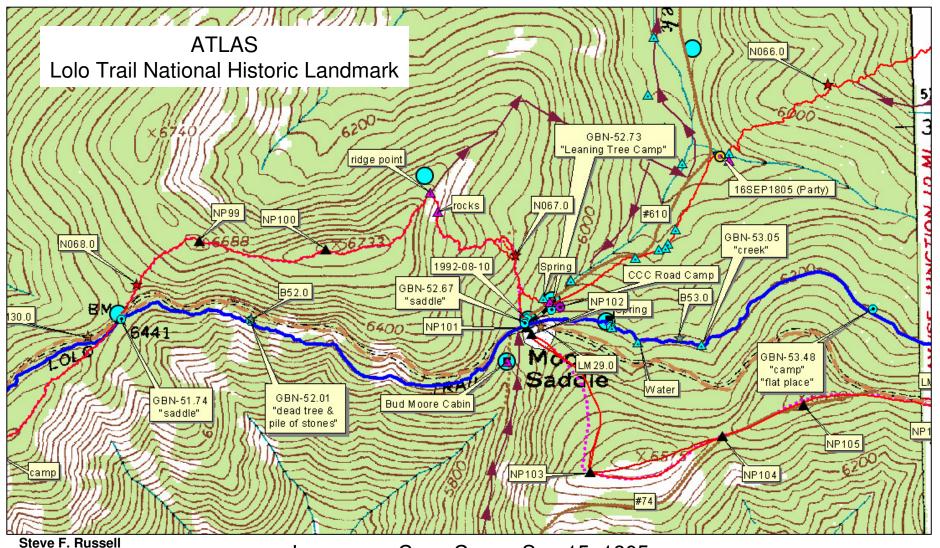
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Lonesome Cove Camp Sep 16, 1805 Moon Creek



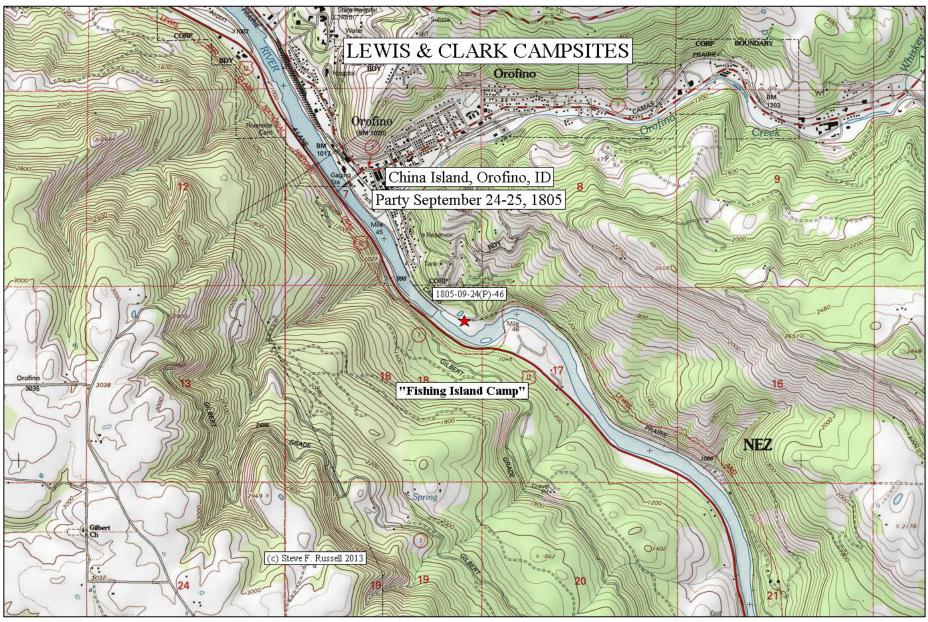
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Lonesome Cove Camp Sep 15, 1805 Northeast of Moon Saddle



Fishing Island Camp Sep 24, 1805 China Island, Clearwater River above Orofino



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Trimble 3-Mode Antenna

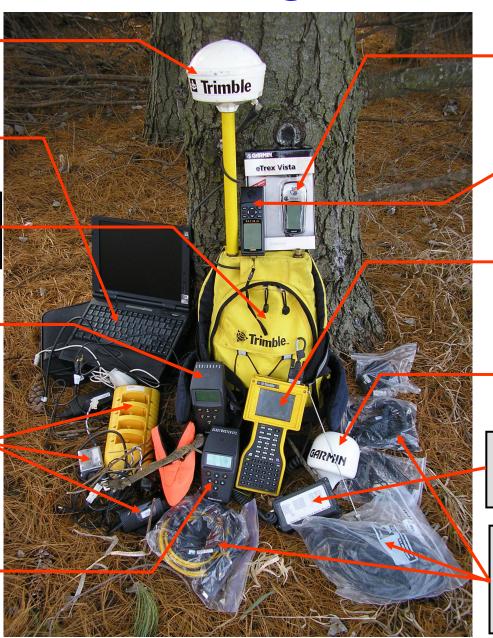
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Trimble Backpack Receiver

Trimble Ensign Handheld

Power Supplies and chargers for 12V and 120V

> Trimble Scoutmaster Handheld



Garmin Etrex Vista Handheld

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Garmin DGPS Mag Antenna

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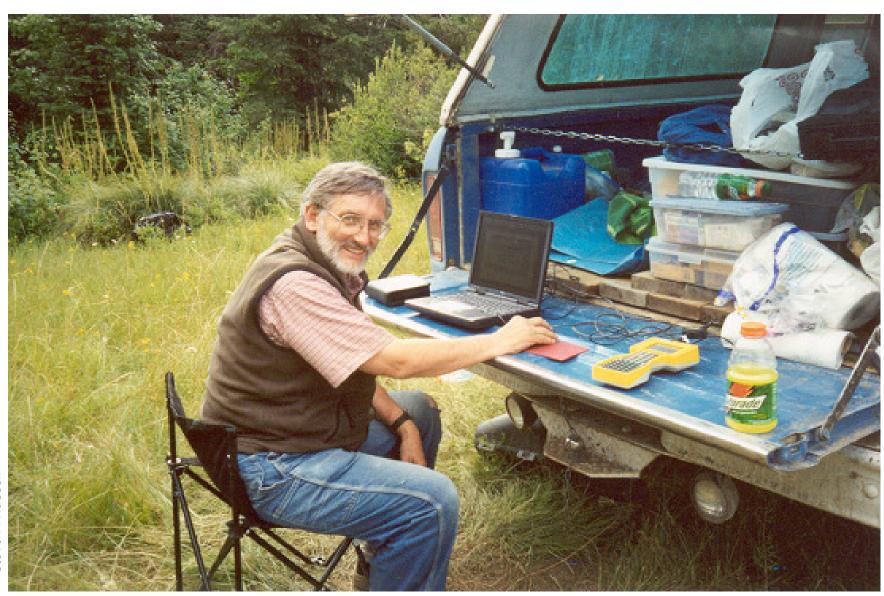
Cables for connecting units

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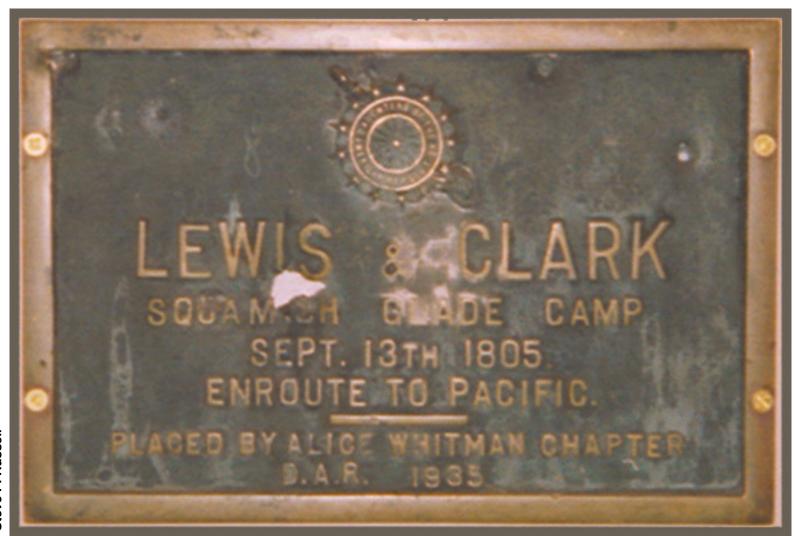
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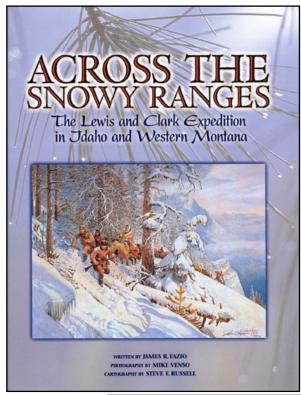


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Last surviving plaque put along the trail by Jack Harlan, 1935

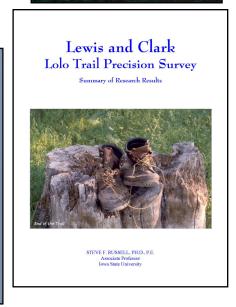


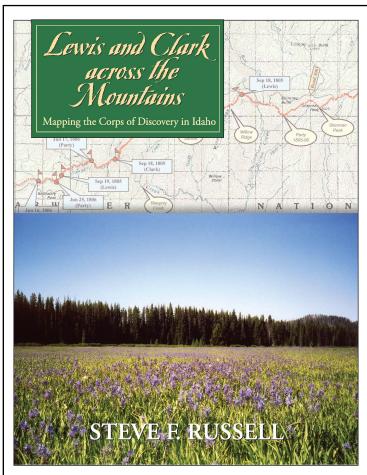
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Hike Lewis and Clark's Idaho

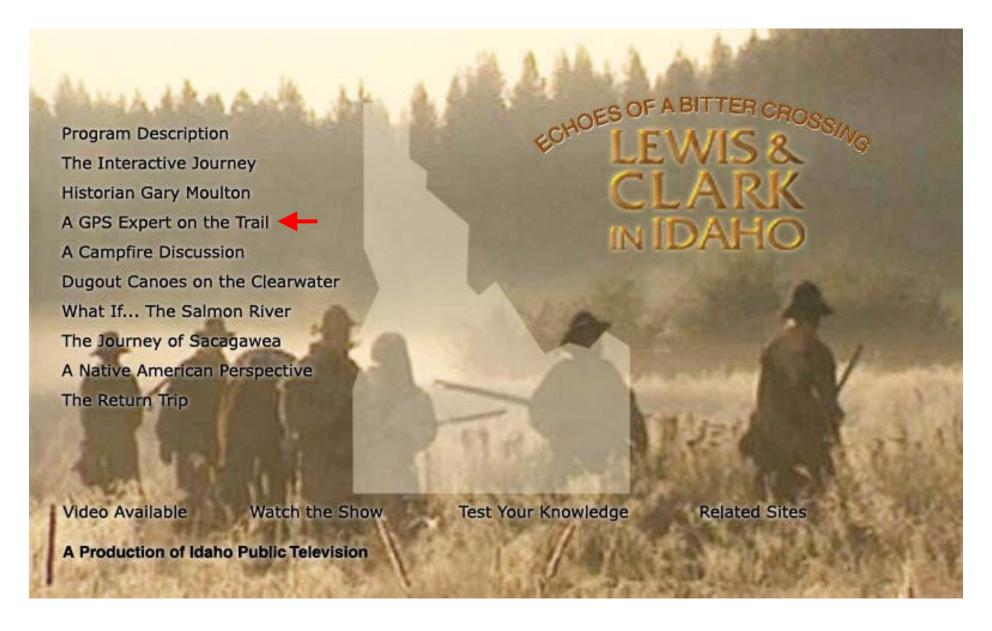
The Mystery of Lost Trail Pass A Quest for Lewis and Clark's Campsite of September 3, 1805 Official Publication of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.





Books & Monographs

Websites



Presentations

Fourth Annual Lewis and Clark Symposium

"Trails Through Time"

June 20-22, 2002

Lewis-Clark State College Lewiston, Idaho

Two Centuries, Two Peoples: A Confluence of Histories

The 2002 Symposium will focus on mapping, studying, and retracing a part of the trail of the Corps of Discovery through the land of the Nez Perce. Speakers will present more specific views of culture, preservation, protection and the interaction of the two peoples:

The Nez Perce Tribe and the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery

"...this hi Mountain is covered with Spruce & Pitch pine fir..." Capt. Clark, September 13, 1805 (Lolo Summit)

Presentations

Welcome to a preview of the Lewis and Clark Symposium Presenters:

Joseph Mussulman



Dr. Joseph Mussulman, featured speaker, noted teacher, humanist, and author, has gained a nationwide reputation as a serious student of the Lewis and Clark expedition. He has written several articles and created maps of the expedition's route for several books, including Along the Trail with Lewis and Clark. He is also the producer and principal writer for the encyclopedic web site, Discovering Lewis & Clark (www.lewis-clark.org), which currently exceeds 1,300 pages. Dr. Mussulman will present the program, "Filling in the Zeros: Space, Pace, and Place on the Lewis & Clark Trail" on June 20, and "Men in High Spirits: Humor on the Lewis & Clark Trail" on June 21. Dr. Mussulman will also be performing music of the time of Lewis & Clark - In Greatest Harmony: "Medicine Songs" on the Lewis & Clark Trail at Brackenbury Square on Main St., Lewiston, Idaho.

Ron Craig



Ron Craig, filmmaker-author, has made a one-hour documentary on "Who was York'?" York was the only African–American member of the 1803–06 Corp of Discovery's expedition to the Northwest.

Ron will present his program on June 20 entitled, "Who was York'? A New Look at the Lewis and Clark Expedition."

Ken Karsmizki



Ken Karsmizki, noted archeologist, works with NASA combining airborne and satellite imagery with historic maps and Lewis & Clark journals to locate sites along the trail.
On June 21, Ken will discuss the use of satellite remote sensing equipment in location and analysis of Lewis and Clark campsites.

Steve Russell



Steve Russell, Associate Professor, lowa State University, has researched the historic trails of the Lolo Trail corridor. His methods include the study of old maps, early aerial photos, pioneer survey notes, National Archive records and the journals of the expedition of Lewis and Clark. On June 21, Steve will present his program entitled, "Ordway's Salmon Fishing Excursion," and participate in a panel discussion of the study on the trail. He will also be involved in a book signing event at the Lewis-Clark Center for Arts and History on June 21. Steve will provide participants with historical overviews and interpretations on the bus tour to the Salmon Trout Camp

Newspapers

SUNDAY February 27, 2000

GREAT FALLS RIBUN

High-tech equipment used to plot Lewis

Satellites, journals aid professor as he traces historic trail

By DAN GALLAGHER Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — For 15 summers, Iowa State University engineering professor Steve Russell has scrambled along the same forest deadfall and rocky hillsides that Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's Corps of Discovery encountered in Idaho's mountains two centuries ago.

But instead of a flintlock rifle and trade beads, Russell carries state-of-the-art mapping equipment to pinpoint within several feet the actual ground the expedition crossed as it went west over the treacherous Bitterroot Mountains in 1805 to reach the Lewiston area and the Nez Perce Tribe who acted as Samaritans to the starved and weary explorers.

"The Lolo Trail spans a land of history, exploration, courage, and danger," Russell said. "It is regrettable that we will never be able to fully learn about its early history but



Iowa State University engineering professor Steve Russell looks at a pasture near Ross' Hole, Mont., in July, where Lewis and Clark met the Salish Tribe before crossing Montana's Bitterroot Mountains.

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"The Latest News"

Lewis & Clark Expedition Site Discovery

- Discovered in 2000
- **Research Monograph** published in 2003
- **Archaeologist surveys in** 2006 & 2007
- **Eligible for National Historic Landmark status**



THE VIEW from the Snake River looking northeast toward Cougar Rapids Bar shows where Steve Russell spotted found the site of an Native American longhouse near Lewiston, Idaho.

Steve Russell Locates Lewis and Clark Expedition Site

have found the Nez Perce Indian he says, they dropped down to Big village where three members of the Cougar Bar. Lewis and Clark expedition spent fated fishing expedition.

Sgt. Ordway was dispatched to described by Ordway, stood. fetch salmon from the nearby exactly where the men descended into the lower Salmon River gorge and Hells Canyon or precisely

Archaeologists believe they Cottonwood Creek. From there, Service.

The topography there matches two nights and one day on an ill- that described by Ordway in his journal. When Russell flew over In the spring of 1806, while the site a few years ago he noticed expedition members were camped some depressions on a bench along the Clearwater River wait- above the bar. He figured that is ing for mountain snows to melt, where the longhouse, also

This year the archaeologists, led Salmon River. Historians have by Ken Reid of the State Historical speculated over the route that Preservation Office at Boise, con-Ordway and Pvts. Robert Frazer ducted a dig there. They uncovand Peter Weise took. But until ered clues that a longhouse did recently, historians didn't know stand at the site and it was there in the right time frame to match the to surgically excavate the site Ordway trip.

"The dimensions match what

None of the artifacts can be directly linked to Ordway. But Reid points out Ordway and his men only spent two nights and one day the re. And during this part of their cross-country journey the men where wear ing pants and shirts made of buck skin s.

"There were no uniform pieces or buttons to lose," he said.

Before Reid and his colleagues unearthed a single scoop of dirt the historians used high-tech equipment to map the small bench where they believed the longhouse once stood. The map allowed them while leav ing most of it undis-



Invited Speaker Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery

Steve F. Russell
Associate Professor
Iowa State University
sfr@iastate.edu
Thursday, March 3, 2005, 10:45-11:30am

Benton Convention Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Deer Creek Salmon River Canyon in Idaho



NC 2005 GIS Conference, Winston-Salem, NC, March 3, 2005, Steve F. Russell, Iowa State University

Camping With the Nez Perce



Steve F. Russe

The End

Lava Springs Valley, Soda Springs, Idaho



Octagon Spring (Carbonated) 2014 Soda Springs, Idaho



Soda Springs Captive Geyser Soda Springs, Idaho



Carbon Dioxide Powered Travertine Spring Cone Soda Springs, Idaho



Iron Spring Pool Soda Springs, Idaho