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From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources

Subject: Incident Management Team Meeting Regarding the Five Upcoming Lewis
and Clark National Signature Events in Montana and the Dakotas

The National Lewis and Clark (L&C) Bicentennial Council nominated 15 National L&C Bicentennial Signature Events. For the BLM, these signature events offer an incredible opportunity to increase public awareness about BLM public lands and stewardship messages.

Five of the 15 national signature events will take place in our 3-state area. They are:

- 2004: August 27-28, Chamberlain/Oacoma, SD; Oct 22-31, Bismarck, ND
- 2005: June 1-July 4, Great Falls, MT, Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (UMRBNM)
- 2006: July 22-25, Billings, MT, Pompeys Pillar National Monument (PPNM); August 17-20, New Town, ND

The level of BLM participation will vary for each event, with the primary emphasis placed on events at PPNM and along the UMRBNM. All five of these events will require a consistent, well-organized strategy and involve field office, State Office, and WO support.

At the direction of the State Director, a modified Incident Management Team is being formed to plan and manage BLM participation in these five national signature events. Individuals from each of the affected field offices, the State Office, WO, and potentially other interested BLM staff will conduct the first team meeting on July 17 and 18, 2003, at the MSO in Billings, in Side A of the main conference room. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on July 17, and end on July 18, by 12 noon. It is important that team members make every attempt to attend this meeting. If the current travel ceiling precludes attendance, a conference call bridge will be established. We must recognize,

however, that the number of lines available on the conference call will be limited. Prior to the meeting, participants will be e-mailed draft budgets, event schedules, and other documents that will serve as a platform for team discussions.

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