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Construction of Officers Quarters To Begin At Fort Clatsop

Construction of the walls of the new Officers Quarters at Fort Clatsop will begin on Thursday, March 9. The walls of the Enlisted Men's Quarters were completed on February 25th. Logs previously cut, notched and fit together, then sent for preservative treatment, will begin to be assembled to form walls of the Officer's Quarters.

Volunteers are needed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to help to haul the logs to the construction site. Work will start at Noon on Thursday, and at 9 AM on Friday and Saturday.

"We are hoping that people that have been thinking about working on the Fort Rebuild, take the opportunity to be a part of history." Said Chip Jenkins, Superintendent. "This will be something you will be able to tell your kids about."

Work on assembling the Officer's Quarters is expected to last up to a week.

"The area around the construction site will be open and we want people to come out and watch the work on the new Fort." Jenkins said. "We will have park rangers on hand to help answer questions and give programs."

Walls for both structures will be up in time for the final Lewis and Clark Bicentennial event, The Return Home which will be March 23 to 26 at Fort Clatsop. A ceremony, marking the bicentennial of the Corps of Discovery's departure from Fort Clatsop, the return of the walls of the new Fort Clatsop and the dedication of the new Netul River Trail will be on March 23 between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

People that would like to volunteer to help bring the logs of Fort Clatsop home can call to schedule time to be part of the work crew. This will ensure that people will have a chance to help and make the best use of their valuable volunteer time. Volunteers can schedule their work time by calling (503) 861-4400.