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LEWIS & CLARK INTREPRETIVE SIGN PROJECT DEDICATED

Portland, Ore. Lewis & Clark Bicentennial in Oregon (LCBO) announces the completion of its Lewis & Clark Rivers Project with a dedication ceremony to be held at Kelley Point Park in Portland beginning at 10 am on Tuesday, July 12, 2005. This bi-state project has placed new interpretive signs at 13 sites visited by the Corps of Discovery along the Columbia, Willamette, and Sandy Rivers in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. Before the Rivers Project, many of these locations were unmarked, or the existing signs were not historically correct.

Partners in the Rivers Project include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Metro, Portland Parks and Recreation, Vancouver-Clark County Parks and Recreation, and the University of Portland.

The event is open to the public and will commence at 10:00am with a half-hour paddle led by Alder Creek Outfitters down the Columbia River Slough to the newly-constructed Kelley Point Park overlook at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. A limited number of canoes and safety gear are available free to the public, or you can provide your own gear.

LCBO will present a brief program at 11:00am about the story of the Corps' belated discovery of the Willamette River and about current efforts to strengthen local water trails and greenways.

To participate in the canoe paddle, contact Rivers Project Manager Angela Sanders at (503) 234-7023 for details. Kelley Point Park is located at the intersection of N. Marine Drive and Lombard. Driving instructions are online at www.lcbo.net, or contact Angela Sanders.

LCBO is a nonprofit organization charged by the Oregon Heritage Commission with the mission of planning and coordinating Oregon's events for the national Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration running through 2006. LCBO's primary goal for these events is to educate the public about Lewis & Clark's journey through Oregon, the

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natural resources and native peoples they encountered, and the lasting impact it has had on our nation's history. To carry out its mission, LCBO relies on a 30-member Board of Directors chaired by State Senator Betsy Johnson. Its Honorary Chair is Governor Ted Kulongoski. More information about LCBO may be found at www.lcbo.net.

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