

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FOR THE OPERATION OF TRAVELERS' REST STATE PARK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, Travelers' Rest State Park near Lolo, Montana, marks the only campsite in the United States where evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition has been found, and the campsite has been designated as a National Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, with the Lewis and Clark bicentennial behind us, funding is a significant challenge to operating Travelers' Rest State Park; and

WHEREAS, current state special revenue funds are not sufficient for the operation of Travelers' Rest State Park; and

WHEREAS, the state of Montana is presented with a unique opportunity to address the operation of Travelers' Rest State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks will continue to work with existing partners and other interested organizations to continue to make Travelers' Rest State Park a cultural treasure for the citizens of Montana.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. The following amounts are appropriated from the state general fund to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 for the operation of Travelers' Rest state park:

Fiscal Year	2010
Operations	\$130,000
Equipment	20,000
Fiscal Year	2011
Operations	\$130,000



1 Total \$280,000

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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