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Chairman and Committee Members

The Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau and Glacier Country Regional Tourism support House Bill 167.

Travelers Rest is an excellent example of a partnership between the private sector and the Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Travelers Rest also serves as an outdoor classroom for local schools as well as meeting the requirements for Native American Education curriculum.

The park setting and interpretive values are a direct link to the history of a special period when Lewis & Clark used the site on two occasions, and when tribes met for trading for centuries before and provide a connection between Native Americans and those that settled here during the past 200 years.

Current attendance is nearly 20,000 and with the addition of the museum should increase in visitation and economic value as cultural tourists tend to stay longer.

The Holt Family has provided us with an opportunity to participate in a Million Dollar Gift of the Interpretive Center and artifacts as well as a classroom for year-round education. It would be a shame not to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jay Robson
Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau
Glacier Country Regional Tourism Commission