

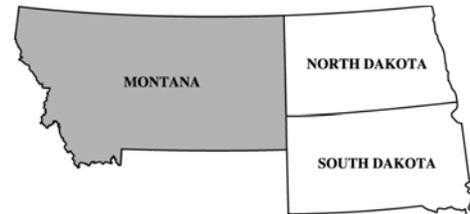


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## UNDAUNTED STEWARDSHIP

### WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- BLM's FY2004 budget includes approximately \$1 million to fund projects related to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail under the Undaunted Stewardship umbrella.
- In the past, Undaunted Stewardship funding was an add-on appropriation and did not impact Bureau funding levels. In 2004, the program was funded instead as a directive.



### HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- The Undaunted Stewardship concept came from Montana's ranching and agricultural community.
- It was initiated to recognize the stewardship of private landowners that has resulted in many areas along the Lewis and Clark Trail remaining undeveloped and closely resembling what Lewis and Clark saw during their expedition through the state.
- Another aspect of Undaunted Stewardship is to develop on-the-ground projects with private landowners that will further enhance the natural resources along the trail.
- As a member of the executive council, BLM has helped develop agreements that:
  - Lay out a methodology to prioritize and select projects for funding;
  - Create the means to fund projects through the University when needed;
  - Encourage the use of partnerships with other organizations to leverage available funding.
- This program, working with private landowners, develops management plans and kiosks. It has also identified projects to showcase outstanding land stewardship practices on 12 Montana ranches in addition to a certification program which recognizes sound grazing practices.



## WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

- Although Undaunted Stewardship funding was made as an earmark to BLM's budget, the intent is not to use this money for projects that would traditionally be funded by regular BLM appropriations. The BLM, Montana State University, Montana Stockgrowers, and an advisory board jointly select projects that meet the criteria of the Undaunted Stewardship initiative, which is aimed at showcasing stewardship on private lands.

## WHO ELSE IS CONCERNED?

- The Montana Stockgrowers Association was instrumental in obtaining the Undaunted Stewardship appropriation and serves on the executive council.
- Several conservation groups are involved in the process and will offer advice concerning projects along the Missouri and other rivers and streams along the Lewis and Clark Trail.
- Montana State University is providing outreach and research and science assistance for the development and implementation of projects. It is also assisting private landowners in developing management strategies.

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