

# Lewis and Clark Never Saw a Tumbleweed

The 2007 National Preservation Conference  
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,  
National Wildlife Refuge System,  
Historic Preservation,  
and America's Byways®



# US Fish and Wildlife Service and Cultural Resources

- *Rocky Flats became the 548th National Wildlife Refuge in June, 2007*

*Refuges in every state and territory*

*Each responsible for a wide array of  
cultural resources*



# USFWS and Heritage Tourism

- In 2006, USFWS -funds to develop cultural resources to explain biological and conservation history for education and tourism opportunities
- USFWS Preserve America Grant programs  
-11 projects selected for funding
- Rehabilitation of historic CCC buildings to development of pod-casts for historic sites on Refuges



# ***Pelican Island – 1<sup>st</sup> NWR is a National Historic Landmark***



# *Midway Atoll – Battle of Midway*



# US Fish and Wildlife Service and Cultural Resources

- *70 National Fish Hatcheries, 1 Historic National Fish Hatchery*

*All responsible for cultural resources*

*Fish and eagles*

*–Tribal cultural resources*



# ***D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery***



# Kooskia National Fish Hatchery Nez Perce and Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails



# US Fish and Wildlife Service and Cultural Resources

- Refuges protect the natural wonders of wildlife & many important archaeological and historic sites
  - sacred areas important to Indian tribes



# Cargo of the Steamboat Bertrand





# Lighthouses along the Hawaiian, New England and Gulf of Mexico coasts



# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and America's Byways®

- 61 NWRs and NFHs along 40 of America's Byways® in 26 states

new website to help explore the  
connections

<http://www.byways.org/fws/>

- Over 100 USFWS units along all designations of byways, state and local.



# USFWS, America's Byways and Historic Preservation

- Pelican Island NWR-
  - DeSoto NWR-
  - Tule Lake NWR-
- Alaska Maritime NWR-



# Pelican Island NWR Along the Indian River Lagoon NSB



# Desoto NWR Along the Loess Hills NSB



# Tule Lake NWR Along the Volcanic Legacy AAR



# Alaska Maritime NWR- Alaska Marine Highway WW II battlefields and installations



# USFWS and America's Byways® & Moving, Linear History

- 17 National Historic Trails (NHT)  
78 USFWS units along 10 NHTs
- 12 of America's Byways® parallel or intersect with 12 NHTs
- USFWS and AB - 4 shared AB/NHT routes
- ABs, NHTs, and NWRs and NFHs at National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference

# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Field Stations Along the Lewis and Clark Trail



# Lewis and Clark Never Saw a Tumbleweed...



or a Tamarisk Tree



...or cheat grass



...or Purple Loosestrife



# Loess Hills NSB and western red cedar control



# Natural Landscapes as History

- Travelers writings, drawings, art, photos full of details of the land they were passing through.
- Byways and NHTs -scenic and historic viewsheds and artifacts
- NWRs living components of the historical landscape
  - restore “historic populations”



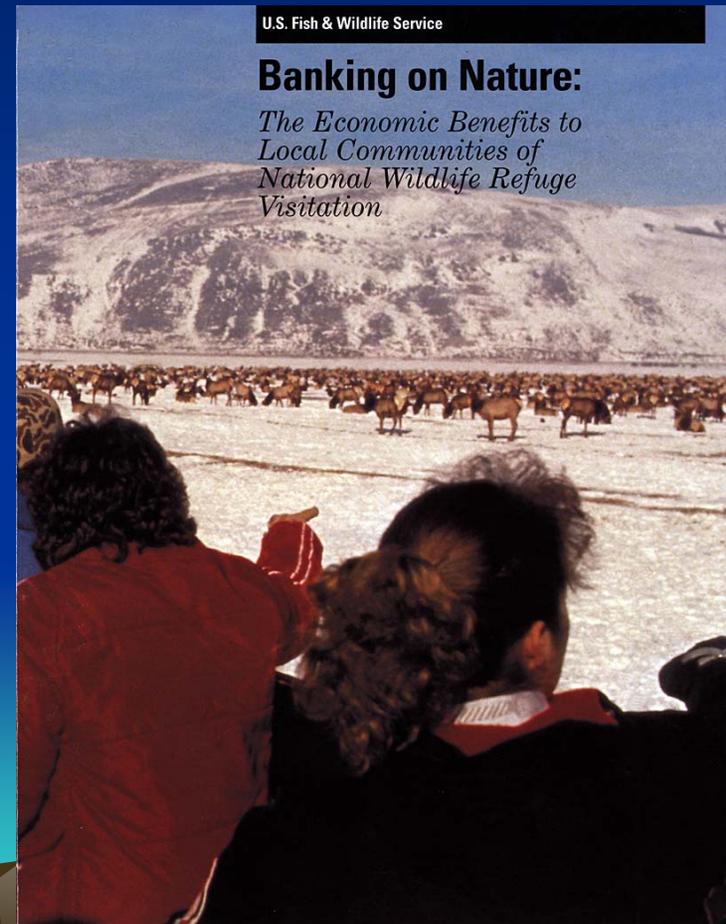
# America's Byways & USFWS- Partners for History

- Similar reliance on sister agency and non-profit support
- All Byways are partnerships
- Funding opportunities



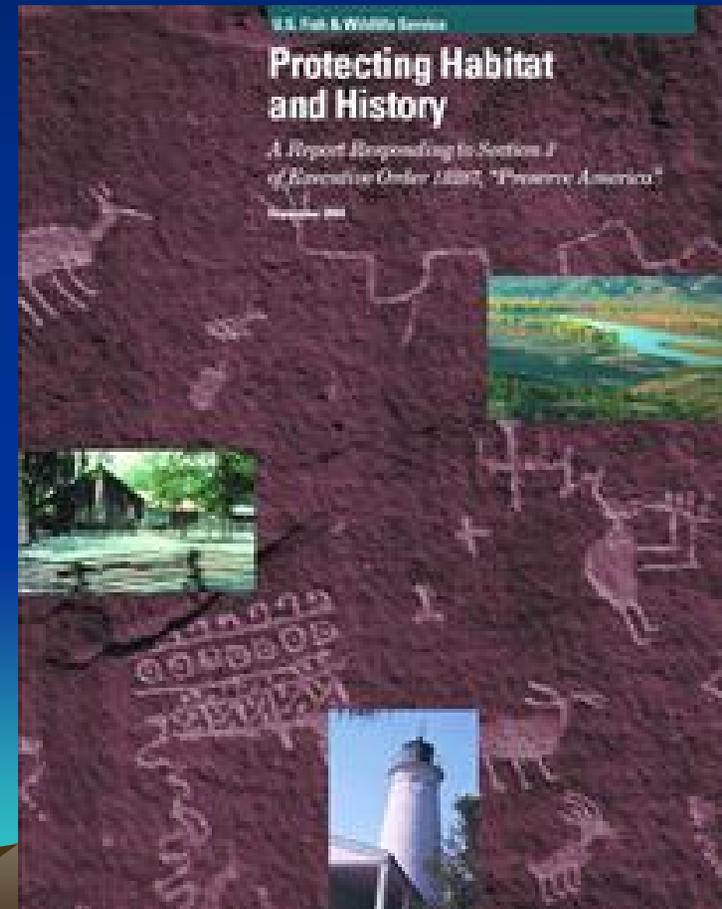
# Benefits to America's Byways® and Local Economies

- Support for sustainable economic development
  - wildlife related resources



# Benefits to America's Byways® and Local Economies

Support for sustainable economic development  
– heritage tourism



# America's Byways® and the USFWS a “natural” partnership

- Protect and enhance America's natural and cultural resources
- Tell the stories of America's History
- Work as partners
- Work with many and varied partners
- Incorporate sustainable tourism practices for rural economies



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