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NOTE TO EDITORS

BILLINGS – A public groundbreaking ceremony Saturday, April 24, will mark the beginning of construction for the new Pompeys Pillar Interpretive Center. Actual construction will commence next week.

The groundbreaking will take place at 10 a.m. at the site of the new center at Pompeys Pillar National Monument, 28 miles east of Billings.

Representatives from the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association, the Yellowstone County Commissioners, the Bureau of Land Management and Montana's Congressional delegation will offer a few brief comments before dignitaries turn over the first shovels of earth.

The 5,600-square-foot facility is scheduled for completion in May 2005 and will interpret William Clark's travel down the Yellowstone River in 1806.

An architect's rendering of the new facility in jpeg format is available from Greg Albright at 896-5260.

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