

November 25, 2014

American Doorstop Project C/o Melody Dobson 1436 Parkhill Drive Billings, MT 59102

Dear American Doorstop Project:

The Friends of Pompeys Pillar are enthusiastic about supporting and endorsing The American Doorstop Project. We are happy to offer a letter of support for this worthwhile project effort.

The Friends of Pompeys Pillar work to preserve and protect the rich history of Pompeys Pillar National Monument, the site of the only remaining physical evidence on the trail of the Lewis & Clark Expedition However, our passion extends beyond Captain Clark's visit and his signature which he etched on the Pillar on July 25, 1806. The Pompeys Pillar area is extensive in its Native American history as well as the historical development of agriculture in the area over a century ago.

History is either preserved or the evidence of it is lost forever. Therefore, we are excited to support his project which will result in the collection of information and resources about the agrarian history of the U.S., the creation a website to connect researchers with this information and the publication of a book the captures this rich history. The book will also contain information about the Pompeys Pillar area which will advance our goals.

We are highly confident of the importance and success of this project. Melody Dobson, one of the principals moving this project forward, has a long history working with and supporting the Friends of Pompeys Pillar, formerly known as the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association. Her work on behalf of an support for Pompeys Pillar National Monument has been extremely successful as evidenced by her work as co-chair of the Clark on the Yellowstone Signature Event of the Lewis & Clark Bi-Centennial celebration held at Pompeys Pillar in 2006, arguably the most successful Signature Event of the Bi-Centennial . Melody brings the same level of enthusiasm and energy to the American Doorstop Project as she did during the successful Bi-Centennial Event.

We are happy to strongly support this project and encourage others to get behind this effort to preserve the agrarian history of the United States.

Jonathan F. Peart

**Executive Director**