



Lewiston, Idaho to Missoula, Montana: First --Lewiston to Orofino

	MM 0-2	<p>When the spirit moves the traveler to leave Lewiston, go back out through North Lewiston on US12. The road hugs the river closely enough to give a sense of being in a canoe.</p> <p>From Lewiston to Missoula can be done in less than a day. The drive can be beautiful and unforgettable, though; three to five days from here to Missoula would be a nice trip.</p> <p>French arrogance? See below.</p>
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<h2 style="margin: 0;">North America Floats Away From Eurasia</h2>		
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In the first three issues, a lot happened: Earth born, life starts, the Belt Mountains form here. The continents have been floating around on plates much like a rubber rafts on a swimming pool. First they floated into one big continent called Gondwanda then to a bigger one called Pangea. But, I guess, like today, they couldn't get along. They drifted apart.

The Atlantic Ocean appeared with the North American plate on one side and the Eurasian plate on the other. They split just west of where the Belt Mountains had formed, leaving Washington and Oregon to be formed later. Western Idaho was a seaport on the Pacific Ocean!

	MM 3-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Just a couple miles out of Lewiston (before Highway 95 heads south) is
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		<p>one of the 38 sites of Nez Perce National Historic Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A pullout with interpretive signs is on the south side of US12. On the opposite side rock formation that symbolizes the outcome of a Nez Perce legend “The Ant and the Yellowjacket.” You can see the rock but not easily get to it. ▪ This is a good place to introduce this region’s history.
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<p>History Here began around 12,000 B.C.</p>		<p><i>“Well, kid, a long, long time ago, ...”</i></p>
<p>History (for our types) in the western part of the MontID circle begins around 12,000 B.C. when some hunters chasing wooly mammoths (and other big animals) showed up from Siberia. Those really big mountains slowed the new visitors (coming from the west) in the same manner it slowed Lewis and Clark nearly 14 centuries later, as they arrived from the east. The first human evidence found in Montana is a couple thousand years later.</p> <p>The first New and Old Testament toting European visitors to the region didn’t show up until 13,700 years later. And those visitors mistakenly called the native people “Indians” because Europeans (despite Eric the Red’s visit to North America 500 years earlier) didn’t know there was this really big continent between them and the “Indies,” which they sought.</p> <p>Only unbridled self-conceit would deny North America had a “history” during that nearly 14,000 year time span. These natives, most with common features of coarse, straight black hair, dark eyes, and little body hair must have coped well with the new environment. By the time the first Europeans arrived, an estimated one to two million had spread out across the North American continent.</p>		