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BILLINGS – Pompeys Pillar National Monument is open for visitation and plans for next week's Clark on the Yellowstone National Signature Event are still on track even though several large fires are burning in the area.

According to monument manager Dick Kodeski, "This is a great opportunity to come and recreate at a developed site and avoid the wildlands and the possibility of starting or encountering a wildland fire."

The four-day signature event, which commemorates William Clark and his party's journey down the Yellowstone, begins July 22.

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2006 Summer Programs at Pompeys Pillar

Every Friday night at 7 p.m., join us for an evening programs presented by guest speakers and park rangers. We are located 25 miles East of Billings, Exit 23 on Interstate 94

June 2 -- Clark's Journey Down the Yellowstone

Presented by Ron Garritson

June 9 -- Grizzly Bears and the L&C Expedition

Presented by Andrew Seeman

June 16 -- Heart of Crow Country

Presented by Howard Boggess

June 23 -- Native Plants of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

Presented by Suzy Havener

June 30 -- Sign Talkers

Presented by Ron Garritson

July 7 -- Montana Birds

Presented by Jerry Leander

July 14 -- The Crow Perspective on Pompeys Pillar

Elias Goes Ahead

July 28 -- Sergeant Pryor

Presented by Jeff Sherman

August 4 -- History of Lands and the Pillar Acquisition

Presented by Craig Haines

August 11 -- Trade Goods of the Expedition

Presented by Joan Fischer

August 18 -- The Josephine

Presented by Jeffery Sherman

August 25 -- Horses and the L&C Expedition

Presented by Sonni Hope