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### LEWIS AND CLARK'S LOLO TRAIL ROUTE: SEGMENTS NORTH OF LOCHSA DIVIDE

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Two short segments of Lewis and Clark's 1806 Lolo Trail route--one between Indian Post Office and Moon Saddle and another near Moccasin Peak--deviated into drainage north of Lochsa divide. Instead of continuing on top of that potential traffic way, they avoided a detour and an unnecessary climb up to Indian Lookout west of Indian Post Office; this north side bypass still is utilized for a forest motor way. A longer departure from their normal ridge-top route led to an ascent nearby to Moccasin Peak, also a more direct access that took them from a crossing just above two small upper forks of Serpent Creek. Later Lolo Trail traffic preferred to hold to variants through Saddle Camp that did not descend into Serpent Creek. Lewis and Clark's 1806 route had an important advantage there for early spring travel, because Moccasin Peak's snow banks had melted from its sunny slope.

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