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MEDIA ALERT

Celebrate the National Park Service Centennial

Tri-Cities, Wash. - Celebrate the National Park Service Centennial on September 30 to October 2 with two featured events taking place at the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, one of our nation's newest parks.

The Mid-Columbia Mastersingers will begin and end the celebration weekend with two full-scale concerts inside the B Reactor National Historic Landmark, a focal point of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. The Mastersingers' program will explore the history of the B Reactor and the Hanford site, reflecting on themes of war, peace and scientific achievement. The performances are the first choral concerts worldwide to take place in a decommissioned reactor.

Guests (21+) will enjoy a dinner catered by Ethos Trattoria and bar service during the Friday, Sept. 30 performance (\$125 per ticket). The Sunday, Oct. 2, concert is open to all ages and will include light refreshments (\$75 per ticket). Round trip transportation will be provided from the parking lot at the Federal Building on Jadwin Ave. in Richland. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to support the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. Tickets for this monumental event are available at www.midcolumbiamastersingers.org.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 100 cyclists will make history as the first cyclists to bike through the Manhattan Project National Historical Park with "Ride the Reactor"! Bike Tri-Cities, the cycling advocacy group of the Tri-Cities region, partnered with National Park Service and REI to create this inaugural event.

Ride the Reactor is a 15-mile mountain bike or cycle-cross ride that begins and ends at the B Reactor National Historic Landmark. The B Reactor is the world's first full-scale plutonium production reactor and a focal point of the National Park. The course, following gravel and paved roads, weaves throughout the National Park offering participants views of the nearly pristine shrub-steppe landscape and local wildlife.

Following the race, riders and guests will enjoy a BBQ and lawn games (sponsored by REI) and tours of the B Reactor. The charitable tax deductible registration fee is \$100. All proceeds from the event will be donated to support operations and projects of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. Registration details are available online at www.visittri-cities.com/ridethereactor/ for this historic event.

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