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"THE GREAT RIVER OF THE WEST"

Final Script

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FADE IN:

A MONTAGE OF IMAGES THAT DEPICT THE RIVER MUCH AS IT WAS BEFORE HUMAN INFLUENCE

For example:

1. The free-flowing river surrounded by snow-capped peaks in the Cascade Mountains.

MUSIC: A rich, elegant, flourish of sound
UP AND UNDER

2. A still-natural stretch of flowing river at Hanford Reach.

NARRATOR: (VOICE OVER)

ONCE IT FLOWED WILD:

3. Boiling, turbulent whitewater (filmed at Sherar's Falls on the Deschutes).

ROARING, SWIRLING,

BOILING, SCULPTING ...

4. At Cape Disappointment, waves crashing mightily against the headlands.

.. MUSCLING ITS WAY

TO THE SEA ...

5. A moody, fog-shrouded expanse of islands in the Lewis & Clark National Wildlife Refuge in the lower Columbia.

... WITH AN UNTAMED AND

MYSTERIOUS BEAUTY:

dissolve to:

6. A breathtakingly dramatic scene of the Columbia that captures its enormity and beauty -- perhaps a scene shot across the breadth of the river near its mouth with a ship passing under the Astoria Bridge to give a sense of scale and a hint of things to come.

SUPER TITLE: *THE GREAT RIVER OF THE WEST*

MUSIC CRESCENDO

... THIS COLUMBIA.

THE GREAT RIVER

OF THE WEST.

MUSIC UP AND UNDER

dissolve to:

7. MAP/SUPERIMPOSED SCENES

With a simple background of water flowing, the elements of the Columbia map fade on and give size and shape to its watershed.

Background scene: A simple close shot of water swiftly flowing.

Superimposed Map Taking Shape:

a) An outline of the area including British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada and Utah.

b) A line appears that shows the main flow of the Columbia through this expanse.

MORE THAN A

THOUSAND MILES LONG.

BY VOLUME,

THE SECOND-LARGEST

RIVER IN NORTH AMERICA.

c) The area of its drainage is shaded in a noticeable color.

ITS TRIBUTARIES DRAIN
NEARLY 260-THOUSAND
SQUARE MILES.

MUSIC UP AND UNDER

d) The eighteen rivers, like veins and arteries, thread their way across the expanse.

SCORES OF RIVERS MERGE
TO BECOME THIS
MIGHTY ONE:

e) The individual rivers are highlighted as mentioned.

NORTH,
FROM THE KOOTENAY
IN CANADA.

EAST,
FROM THE SNAKE
IN WYOMING.

SOUTH,
FROM THE OWYHEE
IN NEVADA.

AND WEST,

THE WILLAMETTE

TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

MUSIC: Segues to a more old-fashioned-sounding piece, perhaps with one instrument like a flute

dissolve to:

8. Camera moves across a watercolor image of Gray's ship entering the Columbia.

EARLY EXPLORERS'

SEARCH FOR THE

LEGENDARY

"RIVER OF THE WEST"

ENDED ON MAY 11, 1792 ...

... WHEN BOSTON

CAPTAIN JOHN GRAY

SAILED UP THE MAJESTIC

WATERWAY.

9. Camera moves around the Museum's model of the *Columbia Rediviva*.

HE NAMED IT IN HONOR

OF HIS SHIP,

THE *COLUMBIA REDIVIVA*.

dissolve to:

10. LEWIS & CLARK MAP.

A sepia-tone map, perhaps an original reproduced from their journey or just a simplified, old-fashioned style version. The Columbia River, and their route, are bold.

THIRTEEN YEARS LATER,
LEWIS & CLARK
VENTURED DOWN THE
COLUMBIA.

11. An illustration of boats on the river from Lewis & Clark's journey.

THEY DID NOT FIND
EASY PASSAGE ..

12. An illustration of canoes maneuvering through rapids -- camera moves and choppy edits create a feeling of the maelstrom.

... INSTEAD, WATERS
CLARK DESCRIBED AS
"AGITATED, GUT-SWELLING,
BOILING AND WHORLING IN
EVERY DIRECTION."

13. Old drawings, perhaps even from the expedition journals, of beaver, otter and other fur-bearing animals.

BUT WORD OF THE RIVER'S

DANGERS DID NOT DETRACT
FROM THE LURE OF
THE COLUMBIA TERRITORY:

... ITS ABUNDANCE OF
BEAVER AND OTHER
FUR-BEARING ANIMALS.

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