

# Pike National Historic Trail Association Newsletter Jan. 2010 Vol. 4 No 1

*Our Purpose:* To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail A Charitable nonprofit organization [zebulonpike.org](http://zebulonpike.org)



## *Request for your personal LETTERS OF SUPPORT*

Colorado's US Senator Michael Bennet and other legislators have asked: "How much support do you have?" We must assess how much support we have by asking individuals from all states for an open letter of support.

WE ASK you to write an open letter of support for the establishment of the Pike National Historic Trail. This letter would go a long way toward saving this important historical contribution made by the Zebulon Montgomery Pike expedition.

**To help you-** We will be emailing this request with our Open Letter suggestion file. For those to whom this newsletter is snail mailed; we will, on request, mail the suggestion file. Also see ideas in previous newsletters.

If you can't help because of your position, forward the email. If you have relatives, organizations or acquaintances who would write such a letter, please ask them! Any state or Mexico. We can only imagine how valuable addresses in Mexico will become.

We believe that Zebulon Pike made a significant contribution to our state's history. We believe that economic and educational benefits would be derived through site preservation, tourism, and historical research.

For more detailed information on Zebulon Pike's exploration of the Louisiana Purchase and travels through Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana, please visit our website at [www.zebulonpike.org](http://www.zebulonpike.org) for maps and more information. Please help to save this important historical contribution by supporting this legislation. Now is your chance to help us make history.

## **Please send any communication to:**

The Pike National Historic Trail Association  
10060 Blue Sky Trail Conifer, CO 80433

## *Robinson's Map of New Spain - Up for auction*

Here's a bargain for you. A map of New Spain was prepared and published in 1819, is up for auction with a worth of \$200,000 to \$300,000. Dr. Robinson's work obvious was prepared before 1819 since most accounts we've researched puts 1818 as the year he died. One can wonder why the worth is placed this high?

Note: We don't recommend this map for Pike NHTA bidding or purchase. We dislike being cheat, but ...

## *Lewis and Clark Foundation Talk* Allan Vainley

On January 29th, our President delivered the keynote address to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Board meeting in Denver. They "will support our legislation."

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is working on designation of the 'Making Ready and Putting Away' portions of the L&C Expedition on the Ohio River and onto Philadelphia.

They told me and Clive Siegle says this was possible that Pike was recruited after November 11, 1803 by Meriwether Lewis for the L&C Expedition at Fort Massac IL [Zebulon's father fort] near Paduca KY on the Ohio. "George Drouillard, hired later as an Indian interpreter at 25 dollars a month, rode off to Tennessee in search of the troops who were supposed to have met the Corps here." Drouillard's services on the expedition eventually place him second in importance to the captains." Source: L&C literature.

## *Legislation Support Effort*

In January, the Pike Association sent requests for Open letters of Support to county commissions, village mayors, chambers of commerce, visitor bureaus in all seven Pike footprint States. We have also sent letters to 8 long distance trail organizations [including the 5 National Trails the Pike trail is, in part, contiguous] who have indicated their support. [continues next page]



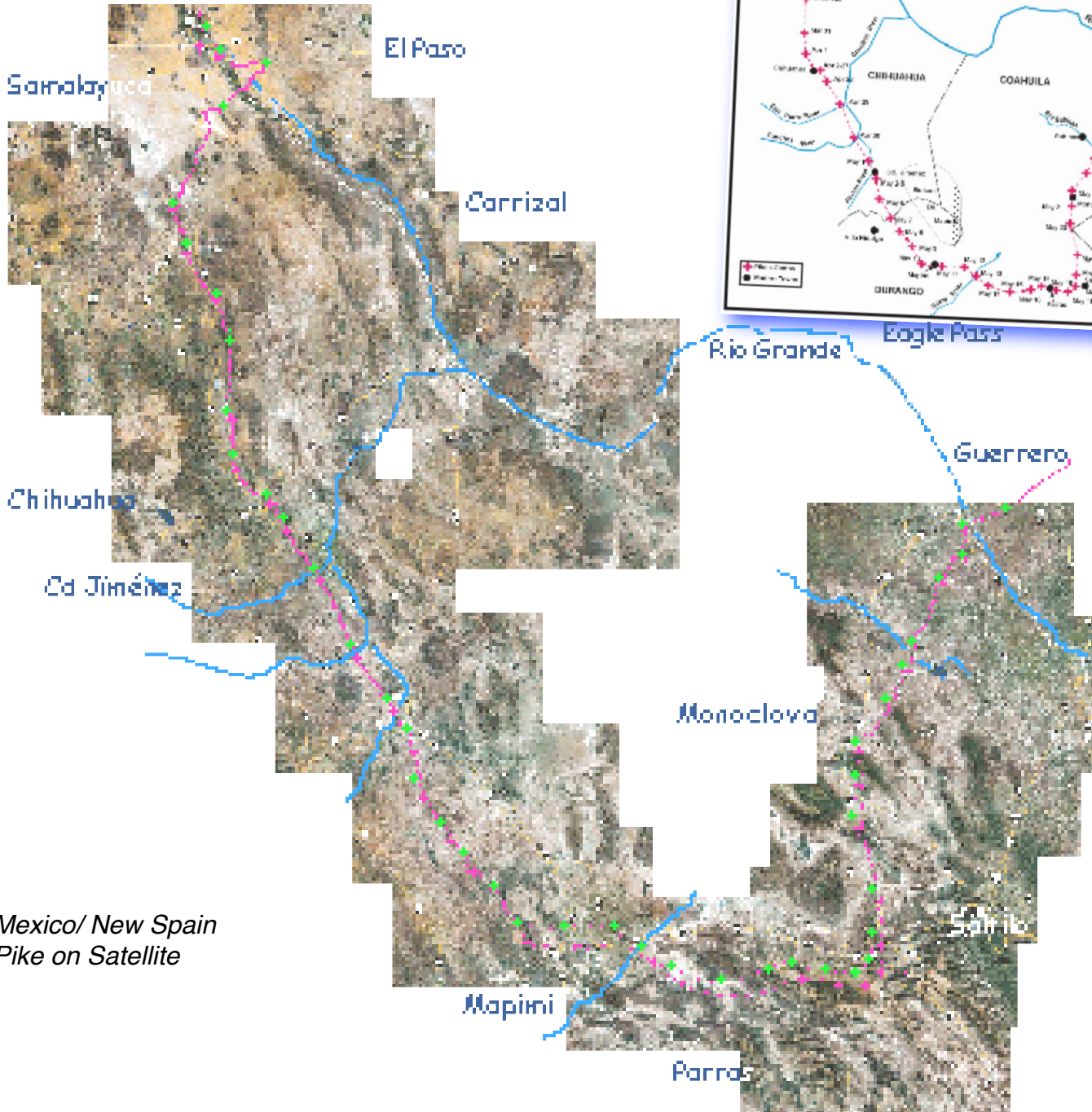
Some historic museums and organizations have been contacted. Thanks to those in various states who cosigned these letters as residents.

We are happy to report that the letters are beginning to arrive at Pike Headquarters in Conifer with numerous requests for our open letter file. A brand new member who recently moved from Kansas to Buena Vista CO, helped in the fashioning of this file. Thanks, Tom.

Letters to state legislators, governors, and individuals asking for resolutions and open letters of support, remain to be sent.

*Maps of Pike in Mexico-* using the best of today's technology.

We present Hal Jackson's map of Pike in Mexico as well as Hal's Pike trace overlaid [in red] on today's satellite view of New Spain.



Mexico/ New Spain  
Pike on Satellite

Zebulon M. Pike in Mexico by Hal Jackson the Royal Road [Part 2]

Hal Jackson, in his book **Following the Royal Road**, a well written, road guide to today's El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, gives several interesting Pike observations of areas he passed through on the Royal Road of the Interior.<sup>1</sup>

**El Paso**- "This [pacification] policy consisted of two parts: the location of the presidios [a fortified military settlement like El Paso] and encouraging the Apaches to settle near presidios to get rations. ... In 1807 Zebulon Pike passed through El Paso, noting that his host owned twenty thousand sheep and one thousand cows. Prosperity and relative peace with the Apaches could explain this wealth." p 83

**Dam of the Rio Grande**- El Paso del Norte dam provides irrigation water. "When Pike arrived at this point in 1807, a bridge spanned the river either at this site or a bit upstream. This five-hundred-foot-long bridge was seventeen feet wide and supported by eight caissons." p 86

**El Paso del Norte**- "American visitors to the town were almost uniform in their praise. Zebulon Pike in 1807 reported the finely cultivated fields of wheat and numerous vineyards producing 'the finest wine ever drunk in the country.'" p 90

**San Elizario TX**- "The Camino Real [from El Paso] came into this area from the southeast and left by way of Glorietta Road. One important visitor to El Elizario, Zebulon Pike, noted the many Apaches near the presidio. He said they were 'on a treaty with the Spaniards.'" p 96

**Samalayuca MX**- "The ojo at Samalayuca ... Pike said simply that it was a 'small pond made by a spring which arose at the center, called Ogo mall a Ukap, and seemed formed by providence to enable the human race to pass that route, as it was the only water within sixty miles on the route.'" p 102

From last month's Pike NHTA newsletter- "Pike and Melgares (Melgares- commander of escort) traveled on the two hundred-year-old Camino Real (Oñate opened in 1598) toward Chihuahua. Their first stop was at the spring at Samalayuca (Pike's "Ogo mall Ukap") and then the presidio at Carrizal. It was at Carrizal that Pike learned of Burr's conspiracies in the U.S. From Carrizal, Pike continued south on the Camino Real arriving at Chihuahua on the 2nd of April where he remained until the 28th."

**Ojo Caliente MX**- "Most nineteenth-century travelers mention this important spring" as 'waters were eighty-two degrees F.' p 111 You will find a day spring and an abandoned abode church and village.

**Chihuahua**- Pike says little about Chihuahua when he was there April 2-28, 1807. He saw the Cathedral<sup>2</sup> and the Aqueduct.<sup>3</sup>

"Pike and Melgares left Chihuahua on the 28th of April staying at several villages along the Camino Real before reaching the presidio town of Guajoquilla on May 2nd. Melgares passed his responsibility for Pike to another officer, Varela, at Guajoquilla (present name is Cd. Jiménez)."

**Guajoquilla [Ciudad Jiménez]** - Zebulon Pike, had traveled through Guajoquilla ... Calling it Guaxequillo in his journal, he noted that a ball was held the night he was there. with sixty women in attendance, 'ten or a dozen of whom were very handsome.'" p 196

**Santa Rosalia [today's Camargo]**- "was described by Pike in 1807 as 'a poor miserable village.'" p 198

<sup>1</sup> Jackson, Hal, *Following the Royal Road, A Guide to the Historic Camino Real de Tierra Adentro*, University of Albuquerque Press, Albuquerque NM, 2006

<sup>2</sup> Lengths of the Colonial Aqueduct still exists, built to bring water from mountain springs to the village.

<sup>3</sup> The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of the Holy Cross, Our Lady of Regla, and St Francis of Assisi built in Chihuahua 1725, was probably seen by Pike.

Next newsletter- Dr. Leo Oliva and Captain Pike join us in Mexico.

**Please, renew your membership for 2010.**

Membership & Board meeting- April 24, 2010 Royal Gorge Cañon City, Colorado

**Speculation- Pike and Subsequent Occurrences** Knowledge the El Camino Real/ Chihuahua Trail from Pike's Journal [1810 publication] became useful. Commercial interests and travelers were aware of many areas of New Spain and Mexico.

**Mexican American War Fact-** In 1847, US Colonel Alexander Doniphan, in the Mexican American War, 1845-7, captured Chihuahua after the Battle of Sacramento, 15 miles north of Chihuahua. Doniphan's forces followed an almost identical path Pike took from Santa Fé.

**Supposition #1-** Perhaps Doniphan read and studied Pike's Journal published in 1810,

**Supposition #2-** General Kearney [Doniphan's superior during the march from Fort Leavenworth KS to Santa Fé] took Santa Fé bloodlessly prior to Doniphan's assignment to take Chihuahua, studied Pike's Journal.

Perhaps- Pike's observations on the Royal Road paid off during the Mexican American War.



El Paso Cathedral H. Jackson



Chihuahua Fotocromo by RS-Camalen

Ojo Caliente MX



Aqueduct Chihuahua



Aqueduct to Chihuahua by -w-ee-

*Join Now! Please consider membership in our organization*

Level	Amt.	Level Name	Level	Amt.	Level Name
Student	\$15	<b>Corporal Jackson</b>	Small Business	\$75	<b>Robinson-Brown-Miller</b>
Individual	\$25	<b>Sergeant Meek</b>	Corporation	\$200 & up	<b>Carter-Gordon-Mountjoy-Roy</b>
Family	\$35	<b>Menaugh-Stout</b>	Benefactor	\$500	<b>Sparks-Daugherty</b>
Non profit organization	\$50	<b>Vasquez-Smith</b>	Life	\$1000	<b>Zebulon Pike</b>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I will be able to help with:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

The Pike Assoc. website

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Historic/heritage investigation

Providing educational opportunities

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Producing educational materials

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I /we will personally contact legislators for legislative support

I /we will write letters of legislative support

I/we would like to help in any way (Assoc. will contact)

Contact us: 303/816-7424 [harv.pike@gmail.com](mailto:harv.pike@gmail.com) Additional gifts are tax deductible. Make checks payable to:

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Towns where Pike was taken in Mexico - H. Jackson				
Town	Alt. Name	State/Prov.	Nation	Coordinates
El Paso del Norte	El Paso	TX	USA	31°47.3'N,106°25.5'W
Ciudad Juárez	Juárez	CH	Mex	31°44.4'N,106°29.1'W
San Elizario		TX	USA	31°35'N,106°16'W
Samalayuca	(Pike's "Ogo mall Ukap")	CH	Mex	31°21'N,106°28'W
Carrizal west of Villa Ahumada		CH	Mex	reed bed
Villa Ahumada	Ahumada	CH	Mex	30°37'N,106°31'W
Chihuahua		CH	Mex	28°37.8'N,106°48'W
Ciudad Delicias	Delicias	CH	Mex	28°13'N,105°28'W
Guajoquilla	Cd. Jimenez	CH	Mex	27°07.5'N,104°53.7'W
Bolson de Mapimí	<Desert>	Dgo	Mex	27°30'N,103°30'W
Villa Mapimí	Mapimí	Dgo	Mex	25°50'N,103°50.9'W
North of	Torreón	Dgo	Mex	25°32.4'N,103°26.9'W
Parras de la Fuente Parras	The oasis (Grapevines of the Fountain)	Coah	Mex	25°26.4'N,102°10.8'W
Monclova	Santiago de la Monclova	Coah	Mex	26°54.6'N,101°25.3'W
Rio Grande	Guerrero	Coah	Mex	28°18'N,100°03'W