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Glimpses of the Past August 19, 2010

The National Park Service and Fort Union National Monument announces its' monthly "Glimpses of the Past" presentation entitled "Fur, Fortune and Empire: The Epic Story of Fur Trade in America." The program will be held at the CCHP/Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center, 127 Bridge St., in Las Vegas, Thursday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. The trade in beaver, buffalo, and other animal skins spurred the exploration and the settlement of the vast American continent while alternately changing and damaging the lives of America's native peoples. This presentation by award winning author Eric Jay Dolin delves into the lives, cultures and changes brought forth by the fur trade in North America.

Eric Jay Dolin received his PHD in Urban and Regional Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1995 and has served as an environmental consultant and analyst for numerous national and international government agencies and projects. Mr. Dolin's previous book, *Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America* received national acclaim and numerous awards from newspapers, museums and maritime societies, as well as a silver medal for history in the Independent Publisher Book Awards in 2008.

The "Glimpses of the Past" series are free in partnership with the Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation. For more information, contact Fort Union National Monument at (505) 425-8025, or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/foun.

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