

## **U.S. Geological Survey EROS Data Center Open House Celebration**

### **“Three Decades of Discovery” Commemorating the Legacy of Lewis and Clark**

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) EROS Data Center is planning a 30th anniversary open house for Saturday, September 20, 2003. This major public event will build on the scientific legacy of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery and on the attention being given to the bi-centennial commemoration of that discovery expedition. Scientists and managers around the world use the EROS Data Center as the principle archive and research center for applications of satellite data of land surface conditions and changes.

The theme of the open house will be "Three Decades of Discovery." Displays, tours, booths, speakers, and educational activities will be used to show how the data are collected and used, how the resources at the EROS Data Center help us to discover the ways that natural and human induced changes affect our lives, and how the spirit of dedication and sense of discovery of Lewis and Clark impacted the mission of the USGS. Hands-on educational experiences for children of all ages will allow a better understanding of the work done at the Center and ways the public can “discover” their home planet.

The employees of the USGS EROS Data Center see the "Three Decades of Discovery" as a way to thank the public for their interest and support for the Center since its opening in the 1970's.