



Map published in London in 1762, showing the "forts," or posts, established by Pierre de la Verendrye and his sons.

decreed otherwise. The Bow Indians found no trace of the Snakes in their usual winter hunting ground, and believing that they had made a long detour to massacre the Bow women and children left with Francois de la Verendrye in the valley to the rear, the raiding party hastened back. A mountain blizzard pursued them, and they arrived at their camp in the valley, "more dead than alive," says the Chevalier in his journal, to find that their fears about the Snakes had been groundless.

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