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1001-55-64 **Craig Westerland*** (cwesterl@umich.edu), School of Mathematics, Institute for Advanced Study, 1 Einstein Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540. Dyer-Lashof operations in the string topology of spheres and projective spaces.

We compute the Dyer-Lashof operations in the string topology of several families of manifolds, specifically spheres and a variety of projective spaces. These operations, while well known in the context of iterated loop spaces, give a collection of invariants of manifolds new to string topology. Our methods employ Cohen-Jones' description of string topology in terms of Hochschild cohomology and McClure-Smith's proof of Deligne's Hochschild cohomology conjecture. (Received August 04, 2004)