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### **BLM to Host Shepherd Ah-Nei Public Meeting**

The BLM Billings Field Office will host a public meeting on the Shepherd Ah-Nei travel management plan next week. The meeting will be held October 26, 2004, at the BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive in Billings. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. In order to check through security at the building, those planning to attend should try to arrive about 15 minutes early and bring photo identification.

The purpose of the meeting is to update the public on the preparation of the travel management plan and environmental assessment (EA) and to review the public comments from the June 2004 scoping meeting.

Shepherd Ah-Nei, which is north of Shepherd, is popular with local recreationists, including off-highway vehicle (OHV) riders. It has been closed to OHV use since April 23 in order to comply with a civil case judgment. The BLM is preparing a travel management plan for the area to determine and address resource impacts.

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