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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD OPEN ON DRAFT DILLON RMP and EIS

DILLON - The Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands in the Dillon Field Office is now available. The public has 90 days to review the draft plan and submit comments to BLM. Copies of the document were sent to interested parties previously requesting one.

A printed copy of the Draft RMP/EIS is also available for review at the following locations in southwest Montana: Commissioners' Office of Beaverhead and Madison counties; BLM Offices in Dillon, Butte, Ennis and Missoula; Forest Service Offices in Sheridan, Wisdom, and Wise River; public libraries in Bozeman, Butte, Dillon, Ennis, Twin Bridges, and Whitehall; the Lima Town Hall; and Red Rocks Refuge in Lakeview.

The document can also be viewed on the Dillon RMP website at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo/rmp. Limited copies are available in either paper copy or compact disk (CD) format and may be requested by contacting Renee Johnson at 683-8016 at the BLM Dillon Field Office.

The BLM, along with Beaverhead and Madison counties as cooperating agencies, will hold informational open houses between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. at five locations in or near the planning area:

- Monday, May 3, in Lima at the Town Hall;
- Tuesday, May 4, in Virginia City at the Madison County Courthouse;
- Thursday, May 6, in Bozeman at the Comfort Inn in the Beartooth/Gravelly Rooms;
- Tuesday, May 11, in Dillon at the Search and Rescue Building;
- Wednesday, May 12, in Butte at the Holiday Inn Express, Rocky Mountain Room (beneath Denny's).

In addition to the open houses, two moderated public comment meetings will be held to record oral comments. Comment meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, May 18, in Ennis at the Fire Hall north of town on Hwy 287;
- Tuesday, May 25, in Dillon in the Great Room at the Swysgood Technology Center on the University of Montana—Western campus. Both meetings start at 7 p.m. and each speaker will be allowed five minutes.

Written comments must be received by the Dillon BLM by close of business, 4:30 p.m., July 8, 2004, to be considered. Send written comments to: Dillon RMP Team, BLM Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725. To ensure your comments are received and considered, we recommend comments be sent to the above address or faxed to the Dillon BLM office at (406) 683-2970 rather than emailed due to the current uncertainty of BLM's internet and email connections.

The BLM lands administered by the Dillon Field Office are located in southwest Montana in Beaverhead and Madison counties. For general information, call the BLM Dillon Field Office at 683-2337, or for information on the Draft RMP/EIS contact Renee Johnson at 683-8016.

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