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Lewistown----How would you like the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument managed? What management ideas would you like BLM to use as alternatives in the draft monument resource management plan?

The Bureau of Land Management's Lewistown Field Office has confirmed dates and locations for 11 workshops across north central Montana to discuss these questions with the public.

These workshops will begin in mid-July and continue through the end of the month. Each is scheduled to run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and one of the objectives is to provide an opportunity for you to present your management ideas.

The schedule for these workshops looks like this:

DATE	COMMUNITY	LOCATION
Monday, July 14 th	Winifred	Winifred High School
Tuesday, July 15 th	Lewistown	Yogo Inn
Wednesday, July 16 th	Big Sandy	Big Sandy School Auditorium
Thursday, July 17 th	Fort Benton	Agricultural Museum
Monday, July 21 st	Havre	Triangle Telephone Coop.
Tuesday, July 22 nd	Chinook	Chinook Motor Inn
Wednesday, July 23 rd	Cleveland	Cleveland Hunting Lodge
Thursday, July 24 th	Malta	Malta High School
Monday, July 28 th	Hays	John Capture Center
Tuesday, July 29 th	Great Falls	Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center
Wednesday, July 30 th	Billings	Hampton Inn

The format will be the same for each workshop.

6:00-6:10 ---- a welcome and introductions
6:10-6:40 ---- discuss management ideas with resource specialists at four issue stations
6:40-8:30 ---- a dialogue with written and verbal management ideas from the audience
8:30-9:00 ---- conclusion

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The BLM used the information provided a year ago at scoping open houses to help define issues the public feels strongly about (access and transportation; health of the land and fire; natural gas exploration and development; and visitor use, services and infrastructure).

“The workshops coming up in July are very important. It’s now that the public and BLM will begin completing specific management alternatives for the monument, and we hope all public land users will participate,” offered Monument Manager, Gary Slagel. “These workshops are designed to enable members of the public to work closely with the resource management team to produce alternatives for managing these public lands.”

If you have questions about these workshops, please contact Gary Slagel at 406-538-1950 or Craig Flentie at 406-538-1943.

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