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Volunteers to restore historic cabin

BILLINGS – Greg Aldrich and Wayne Goutermont, historic cabin reconstruction specialists, are volunteering their time this Friday and Saturday to lead the Bureau of Land Management’s effort to restore what is known as the Will James Cabin. The cabin is located at the BLM’s Four Dances Natural Area overlooking the Yellowstone River just west of the Lockwood exit on I-90. Workers will be re-sodding the roof, replacing the structure’s base logs, and reching logs.

The BLM has few historical details about the cabin, but it is believed it was owned by the Snook family of Billings and that noted Western author and artist Will James stayed in it when he was visiting Billings from his ranch at Pryor Creek. A former owner of the cabin thinks it was built in the 1920s. Anyone with further information on the history of the cabin is encouraged to contact the Billings Field Office at 896-5013.

Members of the public interested in seeing the restoration work should be advised that the cabin is about a one-mile hike from the Four Dances parking lot. For directions to the site, call the Billings Field Office.

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