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PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING TO BE HELD IN ENNIS ON DRAFT RMP/EIS

DILLON - The Dillon Bureau of Land Management, along with Beaverhead and Madison Counties as Cooperating Agencies, will host a public comment meeting in Ennis to hear oral comment on the Draft Dillon Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, released in March. The meeting in Ennis will begin at 7 pm in the Madison Valley Fire Hall, located about one mile north of Ennis on Hwy 287.

Commentors must register at the door and each speaker will be limited to five minutes with no relinquishment of time to others. Each meeting will be moderated, with comments recorded. Transcripts of comments can be viewed at the Dillon BLM or at Beaverhead and Madison County Commission Offices after June 7. Comments will be used to develop the Proposed RMP and Final EIS.

Written comments may also be submitted during the 90-day comment period, but must be received by the Dillon BLM by 4:30 pm on July 12, 2004, to be considered. Send written comments to: Dillon RMP Team, BLM Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725 or fax comments to the Dillon office at (406) 683-2970. Email comments are not recommended due to the uncertainty of BLM's connection to the internet and email as a result of ongoing litigation.

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 of the Draft RMP/EIS contact Renee Johnson at 683-8016.