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WARD RANCH OPEN FOR HUNTING WITH SHOOTING RESTRICTIONS

BUTTE – (September 10, 2004) – The recently acquired Ward Ranch on the east side of Hauser Lake is open for hunting, but the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 1500 feet of the occupied dwelling.

“This closure only makes sense for the safety of residents living in the ranch buildings,” commented Steve Hartmann, Assistant Field Manager for the Bureau of Land Management in Butte. “We want to protect members of the Ward family with lifetime tenancy on the ranch.”

Closure signs are posted on site and if you would like a map of the closure or more information, please call the Butte Field Office at (406) 533-7600.

Transfer of the 2200 acre ranch was completed this summer with a transfer of ownership from The Conservation Fund to the Bureau of Land Management.