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**Southwest Highlands Watershed Management Plan Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review**

DILLON - The Bureau of Land Management's Dillon Field Office has completed an environmental assessment (EA) covering approximately 70,776 acres of public land on 12 allotments within the Southwest Highlands Watershed in Madison and Silverbow Counties, Montana. Public lands within these allotments are managed by the Dillon and Butte Field Offices. The EA proposes livestock management revisions, conifer encroachment treatments and both commercial and non-commercial timber removal to reduce hazardous fuels and create healthier forest, upland and riparian conditions.

This EA has been mailed to all individuals who expressed an interest in the project and asked to be on the mailing list. The BLM welcomes public comments on the alternatives and the environmental assessment and will accept public comments through September 23, 2004. If you would like to receive a copy of the EA, please call the Dillon Field Office at (406) 683-2337.