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Lewistown, MT----The Bureau of Land Management's Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet June 16 and 17 at the Great Northern Hotel in Malta, Mont.

The June 16 meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with a 60-minute public comment period. The council will then hear updates concerning a number of BLM topics including the recently completed Blackleaf Project scoping meetings, field manager updates and prairie dog management. The RAC will conclude this meeting with a discussion of the road definitions used by the BLM in the early stages of preparing a resource management plan (RMP) for the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument. This meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 6 p.m.

The June 17 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period. The council will use the remainder of this meeting discussing the access and transportation and visitor use services issues being analyzed in the monument RMP. This meeting should adjourn at 3 p.m.

The RAC is a 15-member citizen advisory group that provides public resource management recommendations to the BLM.

All council meetings are open to the public and public comment periods are provided at each meeting.

If you have questions about this meeting, please contact Kaylene Patten at 538-1957, or Craig Flentie at 538-1943.

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