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## **Equipment Needed for Upcoming Fire Season**

LEWISTOWN, Mont. --- A pre-season information meeting and registration day for people interested in contracting equipment to work during the upcoming fire season is scheduled for Monday, May 24, at 7 p.m. in the Bureau of Land Management Lewistown Field Office conference room on Airport Road.

The BLM is interested in signing up 4x4 pickups and suburbans, dozers, skidders, graders, excavators (with thumbs preferred), backhoes, lowboys, chainsaws (3.8 cubic inches or larger), gray water trucks, water trucks (with spreader bar or equivalent), shop trucks (with certified mechanic), fuel trucks and refrigerator trucks.

If you have some of this equipment and are interested in doing this type of work, you are encouraged to attend the meeting to obtain an information packet and to pre-register. Expired agreements are no longer valid; however, they will be helpful at the time of sign up.

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The preseason meeting will include information on requirements specific to the type of equipment and an update on changes in the Fire Business Management arena. Contractors will also be able to make arrangements for pre-season inspections of their equipment. The equipment to be signed up must be “fire ready” the day of inspection. In addition, you must also have a current vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and driver’s license. A Department of Transportation Certification will be required for all commercial motor vehicles and water hauling equipment must be fully loaded with the contractor providing loaded weight tickets from a certified scale.

You are encouraged to pre-register for this meeting. To pre-register by telephone or for more information, please contact Gina Merwin at 538-1090.

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