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Lewistown, MT----The Bureau of Land Management will host a public meeting on Wednesday, February 4, at 1:00 p.m. in Winnett, Montana, to discuss the Musselshell Breaks Watershed planning process.

The meeting will be held in the basement of the Petroleum County Courthouse.

The Musselshell Breaks Watershed includes those lands northwest of Mosby, west of the Musselshell River, including most of the Blood Creek drainage, portions of Cottonwood Creek and the Tin Can Hill and Cat Creek areas.

This watershed plan will provide site specific guidance for implementing decisions in the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan and is a necessary step in renewing 10-year livestock grazing permits on public lands in the planning area.

During this meeting, the BLM will provide information about resource conditions, and ask the public to help identify issues, concerns and possible management solutions.

During the coming year, the BLM will host additional public meetings and field tours to encourage public involvement. The agency encourages all interested parties to participate in this process.

If you have questions about this watershed planning process, please contact Lowell Hassler, BLM's project lead for this watershed plan, at 538-1909