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CEDAR CREEK FUEL REDUCTION MEETING TO BE HELD IN GLENDIVE

MILES CITY – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Miles City Field Office will hold a public meeting on March 4, 2004, at 7 p.m. in room 102 at Glendive Community College to discuss the proposed Cedar Creek Hazard Fuel Reduction Project and to invite the public to provide input for the planning and implementation of hazard fuel treatments in the project area.

The project area includes federal, state, and private lands and is intended to reduce the fire danger by reducing the density of Rocky Mountain Juniper over the next ten years.

The area under consideration is approximately 136,876 total acres (Private 82,814, BLM 44,045 and State 10,017) and located in southern Dawson County, northeastern Prairie County and western Wibaux County. The north end of the project area is in T 14 N., R 56 E. and the south end is in T 11 N., R 59 E.

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The proposed project would allow the use of prescribed burning, commercial, salvage, firewood and post and pole sales for live and dead trees within the watershed.

The BLM Cedar Creek Hazard Fuel Reduction Project is one of many ongoing proactive projects that are included in the National Fire Plan and intended to reduce the threat of uncontrolled wildfire.

Additional questions regarding the meeting can be directed to BLM Miles City Field Office Fire Management Specialist Brad Sauer; (406)233-2873, Fuels Technician Justin Hanley; (406)233-2874 or Fire Mitigation Specialist Dena Sprandel-Lang; (406)233-2907.

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