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BLM HOSTS ARCHAEOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

MILES CITY – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Miles City Field Office is hosting an open house in conjunction with Montana Archaeology Week. The outdoor event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at the BLM Matthews Recreation Area located about nine miles northeast of Miles City on the south side of the Yellowstone River on Valley Drive East.

Events will include flint knapping demonstrations, atlatl throwing, a display by frontier military reenactors, and other cultural events.

The event kicks off Montana's Archaeology Week which is sponsored jointly by the Montana Archaeological Society, the Montana State Historical Preservation Office, the BLM and other federal agencies, as well as private cultural resource consulting firms.

The 2004 Montana Archaeological Society annual meeting will be in Miles City on May 1 and is open to the public.

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The society was established in 1958 and publishes *Archaeology in Montana*. The objectives of the Montana Archaeological Society are to promote and stimulate interest and research in anthropology and archaeology in Montana. BLM personnel have actively participated in the society as officers and members and by contributing scholarly papers.

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