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BLM RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL SETS WORKING MEETING APRIL 19 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DILLON - The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will have a "working" meeting on Monday, April 19, at the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room in Dillon. The 15-member council advises the BLM on land management and planning issues.

The group will convene at 10 a.m. to review the recently released Draft Dillon Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. The council will review portions of the draft document and determine if they want to make a consensus recommendation to the BLM.

The meeting is open to the public and the public comment period is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on April 19. Interested parties may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make comments, a per-person time limit may be established.

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of issues associated with public land management. The 15-member Council includes individuals who have expertise or education in the planning and management of public lands and resources. Members for the Western Montana Council include: Roger Peters and Sue Marxer – Dillon; Robin Urban and Robin McCulloch – Butte; Donna McDonald – Alder; Doug Abelin, Susan Lenard, and Garry Williams – Helena; Ben Deeble - Missoula; Richard Young, Dennis Phillippi, and Pat Flowers – Bozeman; Robin Cunningham - Gallatin Gateway; Ted Coffman – Ennis; and Dan Lucas – Philipsburg.

For more information on the April 19 meeting, contact Renee Johnson at the BLM Dillon Field Office, phone 683-8016.