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### **DILLON BLM HAS BEAR RESISTANT PANNIERS FOR LOAN**

DILLON (October 19, 2006) - The Dillon Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management has four sets of bear-resistant panniers available for loan to commercial outfitters or individual hunters. The panniers were purchased by the Defenders of Wildlife.

“We encourage hunters packing into BLM administered land in the Centennials, the Gravelly Range or the Madison Range to use the bear-resistant panniers,” said BLM Field Manager Tim Bozorth. “Our goal is to reduce the potential conflicts of humans with bears, especially grizzlies.”

The panniers may be reserved by calling Kate Given at the Dillon Field Office, (406) 683-8000.