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BLM CONSIDERS REQUEST TO EXPAND OUTFITTER GUIDE PERMIT

DILLON (May 23, 2006) - The Upper Canyon Outfitters, located south of Alder, Montana, has proposed to diversify and expand their services and use of public lands in that area. The proposed expansion would allow for commercially guided history tours of the area from Barton Gulch to Virginia City as well as approximately one week of public land use helping the Miller Ranch to move cattle in the Davey Creek area during early July.

The business is currently permitted to conduct commercial big game hunting on BLM lands (and adjacent Forest Service lands) on the west side of the Greenhorn Range southwest of Virginia City.

History tours would be expected to involve no more than two vehicles per trip, and approximately one trip per week between mid-June and mid-September each year. Vehicles would use only designated open routes. Proponents have also agreed to work as site stewards to assist with BLM's management of the historic and prehistoric resources along their route.

Cattle drives would involve guests in the annual movement of cattle from private and BLM lands in the Davey Creek area to adjacent permitted areas of the National Forest.

Comments on this proposal should be sent to the attention of Rick Waldrup at the BLM Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana, or by phone at 683-2337. Comments received by June 9 will be considered in BLM's analysis of this proposal.