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Lewistown, MT---In response to concerns from Winifred area residents, the Bureau of Land Management has changed the date for the Winifred public meeting concerning the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft RMP/EIS).

The Winifred public comment meeting will now be held on Monday, March 13; it had been scheduled for February 22.

However, the February meeting date conflicts with the State Class C Basketball Tournament in Great Falls, and it appears the Winifred High School boy's basketball team will be playing in that tournament. If that's the case, there simply may not be many local residents in or around Winifred during the tournament, which would sharply reduce the benefit of any meeting.

"It's nearly impossible to find a meeting date that works for everyone, but we understand tournament time in central Montana and we are certainly willing to work around it," offered Gary Slagel, the BLM's monument manager.

The format for this meeting will remain the same. It will be held at the Community Center; is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue through 9:00; will provide opportunities to speak with team members who prepared the Draft RMP/EIS; and will provide opportunities to give public comments before those attending.

Again, the Winifred public meeting concerning the Draft RMP/EIS for the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument will be held March 13, at the Community Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

If you have questions about this meeting or the revised meeting schedule contact Craig Flentie at 538-1943.

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