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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## DILLON BLM PLANS SEVERAL BURNS IN THE DILLON AREA

DILLON (April 10, 2006) – The Dillon Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to burn four different areas in southwest Montana this spring and early summer when conditions and weather allow.

An 800 acre burn is planned for the Camp Creek area 30 miles north of Dillon and a 900 acre burn is slated for Upper Horse Prairie about 40 miles southwest of Dillon.

Two smaller burns, a 35 acre site near Badger Pass about 10 miles west of Dillon and a five acre burn in the Big Sheep Creek area located approximately 35 miles south of Dillon will also be burned when conditions are favorable.

All the burns are designed to reduce conifer encroachment in sagebrush and grasslands and to stimulate new grass growth. For more information on the projects, contact Kipper Blotkamp at the Dillon Field Office, 683-8022.

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