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BILLINGS -- If you would like to learn how to use the Bureau of Land Management's extensive land and minerals record system and a new application that links those records to maps, you can register for one of three upcoming workshops.

BLM's land and minerals record system, known as LR2000, is now augmented by the NILS GeoCommunicator that can map the information contained in LR2000 reports. Together, they make a powerful tool for utility, title, mining and energy companies, educational institutions, and environmental uses. Information from the two systems can be queried via the internet.

Three, 90-minute workshops will be held Wednesday, December 13, at BLM's Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive in Billings. Sessions begin at 9 and 10:45 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. and will include live demonstrations and hands-on training.

The workshops are free, but space is limited. To reserve a seat, call BLM at (406) 896-5004, or email MT_SO_Information@blm.gov. Please specify the session you wish to attend.

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