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**BLM CONSIDERS APPLICATION FROM BEAVERHEAD COUNTY**

DILLON (February 8, 2006) - The Bureau of Land Management's Dillon Field Office received an application from Beaverhead County requesting conveyance of 169.81 acres of public land located approximately six miles northwest of Dillon.

The application, filed under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended, proposes to convey 89.81 acres currently being leased by the Dillon Rifle and Pistol Club for a shooting range. An additional 80 acres, directly west of the shooting range, would be included in the conveyance to allow for expansion of the range. Upon issuance of a patent to the land, the County will work together with the Dillon Rifle and Pistol Club to maintain a public shooting range in Beaverhead County.

The BLM will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) on this proposal. If you have comments, issues or concerns that should be considered in the EA, please send them to: Angela Brown, Project Leader, BLM, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, MT 59725, by March 17, 2006. For more information, contact Brown at (406) 683-8045.