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## PINE HILLS FUEL REDUCTION MEETING TO BE HELD IN MILES CITY

MILES CITY – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Miles City Field Office will hold a public meeting on February 7 at 7 p.m. at the Miles Community College (room 106) to discuss the proposed Pine Hills Hazard Fuel Reduction Project and to invite the public to provide input for the planning and implementation of hazard fuel treatments in the project area. The meeting will include a presentation on the proposed prescribed burn and mechanical treatment project and other successful treatment projects. There will be time for questions and answers, input from the audience, and also written comments will be taken.

The area under consideration is located north and south of highway 12 in the Pine Hills, approximately 6 miles east of Miles City on BLM-administered lands.

Prescribed fire and mechanical treatment such as thinning and logging may be employed to reduce the amount of burnable vegetation present in the area. The BLM Pine Hills Hazard Fuel Reduction Project is one of many ongoing proactive projects that is included in the National Fire Plan and intended to reduce the threat of uncontrolled wildfire.

Additional questions regarding the meeting can be directed to BLM Miles City Field Office Fire Management Specialist Brad Sauer; (406)233-2873, or Fire Mitigation Specialist Dena Sprandel-Lang; (406)233-2907.

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