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Lewistown, MT----The Bureau of Land Management has finished rescheduling public meetings to answer questions and gather comments concerning the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). The original meetings (scheduled for November and December '05) were postponed due to severe weather and travel conditions throughout central Montana at the time.

The new meeting schedule looks like this:

Date	Community	Location
Tuesday, Feb. 21	Lewistown	Yogo Inn
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Winifred	Community Center
Thursday, Feb. 23	Fort Benton	Ag Museum
Monday, Feb. 27	Havre	Holiday Village Mall
Tuesday, Feb. 28	Chinook	Chinook Motor Inn
Wednesday, March 1	Big Sandy	Community Hall
Thursday, March 2	Hays	John Capture Center
Monday, March 6	Malta	1 st State Bank
Tuesday, March 7	Billings	MSU Billings (Student Union Bldg.)
Wednesday, March 8	Great Falls	Townhouse Inn
Thursday, March 9	Kalispell	Outlaw Inn
Tuesday, March 14	Helena	Jorgenson's

These meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. with introductions and a brief BLM presentation about the RMP/EIS. Each meeting will then provide an opportunity to talk individually with various resource specialists. Around 7:30 there will be a more formal public comment period with a court reporter present to create an accurate transcript of the comments offered. Depending on how many people wish to offer comments, a time limit may be required of each speaker. Written comments will also be accepted at these meetings. The meetings are scheduled to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

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If you can not attend any of these meetings please send your written comments to: Monument RMP Team, BLM Lewistown Field Office, 920 NE Main St., P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457, or they may be e-mailed to monumentrmp@blm.gov. All letters and emails should include the first and last name of the individual commenting and a complete mailing address. Those individuals who wish their name and address withheld from public release must state that preference at the beginning of their comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed. All comments from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public release in their entirety.

The public comment period has also been extended and will now run through April 26, 2006.

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