

Date: March 13, 2006 Contact: Mary Apple, 406-896-5258

The Bureau of Land Management's Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet March 22, 2006, in Miles City. The meeting will be held at the Ft. Keough Livestock and Range Research Station just off Highway 12 on the west end of Miles City. The meeting will begin 8 a.m., and the public is welcome.

Primary topics of discussion are Billings and Miles City Field Office updates and the Miles City Resource Management Plan and supplemental oil and gas environmental impact statement.

The council will hear comments from the public at 11:30 a.m. Interested parties may make oral statements before the council or file written statements for the council to consider. Depending on the number of people wishing to make comments, a per-person time limit may be established.

The purpose of the council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, though the BLM, on a variety of issues associated with public land management. The 15-member council includes individuals who have expertise or education in the planning and management of public lands and resources.

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