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EARLY SEASON FIRE AT RED ROCK LAKES REFUGE

DILLON – (May 16, 2006 – 7 pm) – Fire season started early in southwest Montana with the detection of the Snowshoe Fire today in the Red Rocks Lakes National Wildlife Refuge southeast of Dillon. The 200 acre fire of undetermined origin burned in sagebrush and grass and fire fighters are expected to contain the fire on Wednesday.

Engines from the Lima Fire Department, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the U.S. Forest Service responded to the fire along with other miscellaneous fire fighters.

Outdoor enthusiasts are reminded to use caution and make sure campfires are “dead out” before leaving the area. Eventhough southwest Montana received good winter snowpack, May has been a dry month and record high temperatures are quickly drying the vegetation.