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BILLINGS -- The Bureau of Land Management's Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, July 19, in Billings has been cancelled.

The extreme wildfire situation in eastern Montana is now the top priority among BLM personnel making it virtually impossible to conduct the meeting. The meeting may be rescheduled for a later date when fire demands have lessened.

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.