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SLEEP WITH THE GHOSTS THIS WINTER IN GARNET

MISSOULA (November 9, 2006) - Does the notion of spending the night in a ghost town intrigue you? This winter, two historic log cabins, in Garnet Ghost Town, are available for nightly rental. Ski, snowmobile or snowshoe into Garnet and live rustically in one of the two fully furnished cabins. Each cabin comes complete with beds, dishes, propane cook stove and wood heat stove; all you need to bring are sleeping bags, food and friends! Once a speak-easy in the 1920's, the Dahl cabin can sleep up to six and rents for \$40.00 per night. The McDonald cabin sleeps four and rents for \$30.00 per night.

More than 100 years ago, Garnet was an active gold-mining town with 1,000 residents, 31 businesses, and 13 saloons. By the 1920s, the gold had played out, and the once prosperous town slowly went into a deep sleep until its last resident passed away. The ghost town is now publicly owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Proceeds from the cabin rental program are used for the preservation and interpretation of the town.

There are two routes into Garnet in the winter:

- The Range Road is gated at a parking lot about a half-mile from Highway 200. The winter journey is about 12 miles with a steady incline from the closed gate to Garnet.
- Visitors using I-90 should take the Bearmouth or Drummond Exit, then the Frontage Road to Bear Gulch. They can drive to a gate and a small parking area within four miles of the ghost town. This route is obviously shorter but a lot steeper, gaining 1,500 feet before entering the town.

For more information about cabin rentals or to receive an application, the adventurous can call the Bureau of Land Management at 329-3914. Or you can visit the BLM office at 3255 Fort Missoula Road in Missoula.

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