



# **Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument**

## **Resource Management Plan**

### **West HiLine Natural Gas Leases**

Twelve oil and gas leases covering 10,314 acres within the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (and an additional 2,468 acres outside the monument) are the subject of a series of ongoing public meetings.

The Bureau of Land Management will now include an analysis of the BLM lands covered by these 12 leases in the draft resource management plan for the monument, and is hosting these meetings around north central Montana.

The BLM's decision to analyze these leases is the result of a recent Montana Federal District Court ruling involving a suit that alleged the agency did not fully comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act when it awarded several of the leases in 1999.

Please see our [October 2004 Newsletter](#) for details on the public meetings.

To assist the public in providing substantive comments that will help create a range of alternatives and stipulations for the 12 leases, the informational materials presented at the public meetings are available through the following link:

[Public Meetings](#)