

**2006 CULTURAL WORKSHOP
TENTATIVE AGENDA
MAY 16-17, 2006 (2 full days)
Dillon Field Office**

Day 1: Sessions

- **GIS Use in BLM Planning Efforts and Predictive Modeling:** The Dillon RMP made extensive use of compiled GIS data layers which included cultural resources site and inventory layers. Dillon SCEP student Jason Strahl is working on a graduate thesis using the Dillon GIS data layers for predictive modeling to identify high and low site density areas across the Dillon Field Office. The GIS technology and predictive modeling will have widespread applications for BLM planning and oil & gas leasing and permitting efforts in other field offices.
- **SHPO Updates:** Stan Wilmoth and Joseph Warhank, of the Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will participate in the workshop, and review issues and accomplishments as mandated by the National Programmatic Agreement and implementing protocol. The SHPO will be updated on the status of current BLM planning efforts, Native American consultation issues, and field office specific projects.
- **Round Table Discussion:** Representatives from each field office will summarize major issues over the last year and identify issues or projects anticipated in the coming year. The Curator will provide an update on Curation Center activities and issues.
- **Preservation Board Activities and Updates:** Gary Smith will provide a summary of the activities of the BLM Preservation Board with emphasis on tribal consultation issues, new program guidance and clarification regarding oil and gas leasing issues, and a discussion of the new CXs for oil & gas leasing.
- **Budget and Work Force Planning Efforts:** Gary Smith will discuss current budget issues, challenge cost share opportunities, and summarize the results of the ELT Work Force Planning Efforts.
- **Centennial Antiquities Act Funding:** Gary Smith will discuss special funding opportunities in commemoration of the Centennial of the Antiquities Act, and discuss current projects being funded.

Day 2: Field Tour

Tour will include discussion of recent projects, issues, and accomplishments.

- **Clark Canyon Pictograph Site:** recently acquired with LWCF funding, specific Native American concerns and issues.
- **Ney Ranch:** opportunities for adaptive re-use in the Recreational Cabin Rental Program, discussion of potential for Facilities Maintenance funding.
- **Red Butte Site:** Native American consultation efforts and ethno-historic overview project with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes.
- **Everson Creek Quarry:** designated ACEC in RMP, working on management plan, mineral withdrawal, and National Register District Nomination. Additional discussion of watershed planning efforts and fuel load reduction projects within, and adjacent to, identified site locations.