

**Agenda**  
**Understanding Your County's Economy**  
**Using the Economic Profile System**

**January 13, 2009**

**MT BLM Office – 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings MT**

- 9:00           **Welcome, Introduction and Expectations**
- 9:30           **BLM Land Uses that Influence Local Economic Activity**
- Overview of BLM land uses and dependency of local economies on those activities
- 10:15           BREAK**
- 10:30           **Trends in Montana and north-central Wyoming**
- Overview of trends shaping regional and state economies
- 11:00           **What is the story in your county?**
- What questions, issues or concerns do you have about the county's economy?
  - Proposals, initiatives and trends that participants foresee influencing BLM land uses and/or BLM land use decisions
- 11:30           LUNCH**
- 12:45           **Economic Study Area**
- What is the appropriate area for social/economic analysis?
  - Define the local economic area.
- 1:15           **Local Conditions and Trends**
- Introduction to the Economic Profile System (EPS).
- 2:00           BREAK**
- 2:15           **Small Group Exercise**
- **Discussion about the local economy.** Questions, issues and concerns about the local economy's strengths/opportunities based on the EPS profile and other information.
  - **What's the vision for your county?** What are local assets in relation to public lands? What values do you want maintained or provided? What conditions do you want to see in the future?
- 3:15           BREAK**
- 3:30           **Wrap-up and Evaluation**
- Do participants have specific information, expertise, and knowledge of activities relevant to BLM land use planning?
  - How this info will be used in the land management plans and Workshop Evaluation
- 4:00           Closure and Thanks**
- BLM staff will be available after the workshop to answer questions and discuss issues related to economic analysis, the planning process and alternative development.**