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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Missoula Field Office is releasing for public comment an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed project, Discovery Road Right-of-Way across Fred Burr Creek, located in Philipsburg Montana.

Candide Family Limited Partnership submitted a right-of-way application to construct a new road across a 160-acre parcel of BLM land, located approximately three (3) miles south of Philipsburg, Montana, in the E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12, T. 6 N., R. 14 W., P.M.M., Granite County, Montana. The new road would connect Rumsey Road, an existing Granite County road, to an existing private road near the northwest-extents of the Applicant's property, which is in Section 18, T. 6 N., R. 13 W., P.M.M., Granite County, Montana.

The EA is available on the BLM website at:

http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/missoula_field_office.html

If you would like to request a hard copy or CD copy of the EA, please contact Lonna Sandau of the BLM at (406) 329-3914.

The Authorized Officer for this project is the Field Manager of the Missoula Field Office. The EA describes the Proposed Action and provides a comparison of potential effects for two alternatives, No Action and Proposed Action. Based on the analysis in the EA, the Proposed Action is the preferred alternative.

Comments on this EA are requested. In submitting comments, please provide specific facts along with supporting reasons that you believe should be considered by the Field Manager in reaching a decision. Comments may be submitted at the address given below. The Field Manager will consider all public comments before making a decision. *Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment -- including your personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.*

Send written comments to:

John W. Thompson, Acting Field Manager
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Written comments must be postmarked by the Postal Service, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the February 14, 2014. Hand delivered comments must be time and date imprinted at the Missoula Field Office by the close of business on February 14, 2014.

A public meeting will be held in Philipsburg, Montana at the Granite County Museum and Cultural Center, 135 South Sansome St. Philipsburg, MT 59858, Monday February 10, 2014 from 6-7 p.m.

If you would like to discuss this proposal please contact Lonna Sandau or Chuck Bridgeman at (406) 329-3914 at the BLM Missoula Field Office, 3255 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT.

Sincerely,

John W. Thompson
Acting Field Manager