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To: State Management Team
From: State Director
Subject: Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Maps

As a result of a meeting among Secretary Norton, Representative Denny Rehberg, and several residents of north-central Montana, we have decided to remove the line on the 1:100,000 scale Winifred and Zortman surface-management maps depicting the boundaries of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (UMRBNM). The boundary line led some people to believe that all land within it was part of the UMRBNM, which is not the case. Consequently, trespass and related issues were occurring on the non-federal lands inside the depicted boundary.

Future editions of the map will not show the UMRBNM boundary line, but we still have a large stock of the maps on hand. If your office distributes either the Winifred or Zortman maps, then we ask that you print labels (Avery 8161) with the information attached to this IM, which explains the change, and attach them to the front of the maps. Lewistown has already provided labels to some offices and stores that sell the map. The maps are in high demand at this time of the year. We do not have sufficient time or funding to print a new map without the boundary line, so attaching the explanatory labels seems the most practical approach to addressing the change.

Also, an 8"x11" map of UMRBNM that included the boundaries was printed and copies of that may still be in some offices. Do not distribute or display these maps. If your office has copies of this map, they should be destroyed.

We ask that you pass this information on to those who may be selling the maps to members of the public, and that way, help to avoid potential confusion about land ownership in UMRBNM.

Should you have questions, please contact Gary E. Slagel, UMRBNM manager, at 406-538-1950, or JoLyn Goss, staff support assistant, 406-538-1903.

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