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PRESS RELEASE

Blackfoot Announces Annual Meeting for Saturday, April 7, 2001

March 29, 2001 Missoula, Mont – The Board of Trustees of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc., your local telecommunications company, announces the Annual Meeting for all members on Saturday, April 7, 2001. The meeting will be held at Valley Christian School Gymnasium, 2526 Sunset Lane (near Reserve St.) in Missoula. Registration and the Blackfoot Technology Fair will begin at 9 a.m., and the Business Meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The Technology Fair will include demonstrations of high-speed DSL Internet access, fiber optic cable fusion, and digital wireless PCS. Members will be eligible for door prizes including cash and electronic equipment.

Bill Teague, President of the Board of Trustees of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc., says, "I am proud that Blackfoot Telephone has become the Number One Source for all advanced telecommunications services in Western Montana. As a member of the "Global Village", we are now linked with the rest of the world through wireline and wireless telephones, fax machines and the Internet's World Wide Web. With high-speed links to the Internet throughout the 7,000 square miles served by Blackfoot, there truly is no digital divide here in Western Montana!

About Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Named after the Blackfoot River running through much of the territory it serves, the Blackfoot (Blackfoot) Telecommunications Group was originally established in 1954 as Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative. Blackfoot offers state-of-the-art telecommunications, Internet and data solutions to customers in Missoula and throughout Montana and Idaho. Headquartered in Missoula, Montana, Blackfoot employs more than 165 Montanans. Blackfoot can be reached at 406-541-5000 or through its web site at <http://www.blackfoot.com>.

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