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PRESS RELEASE

Blackfoot Announces Sale of Mobile Wireless Business

August 31, 2005 Missoula, Mont – Blackfoot Communications of Missoula announced today that it has completed the sale of its mobile wireless communications businesses to MTPCS, LLC. MTPCS, headquartered in Great Falls, will maintain a significant operations center in Montana, and has extensive plans to reveal a new brand, calling plans, and network expansion in the near future. Until then, local operations will continue under the Blackfoot Communications name, with all retail employees and store operations already transferred to MTPCS. MTPCS simultaneously completed its purchase of the mobile wireless business of 3 Rivers Communications in Great Falls.

MTPCS Vice President and General Manager, Ernie Peterson, stated from his Great Falls Headquarters office, “This transaction will allow the mobile wireless customers from each of the systems to experience the benefits of combining the strengths of both entities under this new company”. Mr. Peterson also said, “We will continue to provide exceptional local customer service and will strive to provide our potential client base with the positive wireless experience that they deserve.”

Joan Mandeville, CEO of Blackfoot Communications, stated: “We are excited about the opportunities a larger regional carrier can bring to our wireless customers. It was important to us that we found a buyer that would maintain our high commitment to quality and customer service. Moreover, this sale will allow us to focus our expansion on new markets and evolving technologies in our wireline and data services.”

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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