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PRESS RELEASE

Blackfoot delivers Unprecedented Broadband Speed to Rural Customers

Blackfoot packages faster Broadband speed, long distance minutes and features

May 6, 2008 Missoula, Mont - Blackfoot Telecommunications Group announced the launch of an exciting new business package at their Annual Shareholders Meeting on Saturday, May 3 in front of 500 member-owners in Missoula, Montana. The business package appropriately named BizBundles is designed to fit the needs of Blackfoot's rural business owners located in 22 Western Montana communities with affordable long distance service-- great phone features-- and up to 15 Mbps of high speed Internet.

“The ability to share increasing amounts of information, at greater and greater speeds, increases productivity, facilitates interstate commerce, and helps drive innovation. But perhaps most important, broadband has the potential to affect almost every aspect of our lives,” stated FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin.

Surfing the Internet, downloading files or conducting any kind of business transaction on a dial-up connection can be time consuming and cost prohibitive. Access to broadband services is one of the most important engines that drive rural business development. Blackfoot's enhanced fiber optic network and recent industry changes, now allows them to deliver bundled business service at an affordable price and at speeds only offered in metropolitan areas.

“Early on Blackfoot recognized that access to quality high speed Internet access would be critical for the future of business in rural Montana” noted Dave Martin, Director of Technology for Blackfoot. “The first Blackfoot DSL offering was released in 1999. In order to provide the highest speeds possible, we implemented a network enhancement initiative in 2002 and by 2006, 98.5% of Blackfoot customers had access to cutting edge broadband services provided over an advanced fiber optic network.”

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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