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### Blackfoot Helps MUD Replace Stolen Tools

May 29, 2006 Missoula, Mont. - Blackfoot Telecommunications Group raised several hundred dollars in cash donations and used tools for the Missoula Urban Development Project tool library.

More than \$2,000 in tools and equipment were taken from the MUD tool library April 11. The library is a community resource located on Missoula's Northside and operates a tool-lending program and host seminars and demonstrations for green building, gardening, woodworking and more.

The Blackfoot tool drive collected \$700 in cash donations and several hundred more in used tools. All the proceeds will go to the MUD tool library in an effort to restore its inventory and help rebuild the valuable community program. Montana Ace Hardware is also involved in the effort and agreed to give MUD discounts toward the purchase of new tools.

"Community involvement is a major priority for Blackfoot," said Jim Ereaux, Special Projects Manager. "The tool library is a great program and we wanted help them rebuild."

To learn more about MUD, its tool library and how you can help visit [www.mudproject.org](http://www.mudproject.org) or contact Jim Ereaux at Blackfoot at 541- 5030.

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#### 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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