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PRESS RELEASE

Blackfoot Launches New Home and Business Security Service

April 19, 2010 Missoula, Montana- Blackfoot Telecommunications Group (Blackfoot) brings peace of mind to Western Montana with Blackfoot Security and Video Solutions, offering state-of-the-art home and business security systems with simple to use equipment, affordable monitoring services, 24-hour emergency response, licensed installation technicians and local customer support. Blackfoot's decision to offer home and business security grew out of conversations with their customers about property crimes in Montana. In fact, the Montana Board of Crime Control's statistics show that property crimes were reported on average every 20 minutes.

Blackfoot is one of Western Montana's largest providers of voice and high-speed Internet to businesses and residences in Western Montana. "As a local company, we have the ability to hear from our customers and talk about their needs. Through those discussions, we discovered that an affordable and local security solution for our business customers was top of mind," said Blackfoot Product Marketing Manager Chris Kirschten. "With Blackfoot's next generation network firmly rooted in Montana soil, we are able to seize new product and service opportunities as well as provide services that our customers have asked for. In the near future, security monitoring will grow to encompass a variety of advanced services that we want to deliver to our customers, such as home automation, and as a local technology company - we can".

About Blackfoot Security and Video Solutions

Blackfoot Security and Video Solutions offers a complete line of security and life safety services to protect your home or business from fire, theft, carbon monoxide poisoning, water and flood damage, and more. Blackfoot can also take over the monitoring of an existing alarm system. The systems are professionally monitored 24/7 for the safety and security of Blackfoot's Western Montana customers and dispatch local first responders as needed.

In 2010, Blackfoot plans to offer Personal Emergency Response Systems, or PERS, to add a layer of personal life safety for seniors and medical patients living independently. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), falls are the leading cause of injury deaths for older adults. They are also the most common cause of nonfatal injuries and hospital admissions for trauma. A Blackfoot Security PERS system provides seniors with a simple push-button alarm worn as a wristband or necklace giving users the ability to quickly alert a call center if they need emergency assistance. A wearable fall detection device automatically alerts the call center without user action. For more information, call 541-SAFE or click www.blackfootsecurity.com.

About Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Blackfoot was originally established in 1954 as Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative. Today, Blackfoot offers state-of-the-art voice, data, network and security solutions to customers in Missoula and throughout Montana and Idaho. Headquartered in Missoula, Montana, Blackfoot employs more than 150 Montanans. Connect Globally. Partner Locally. Call 541-5000 or click www.blackfoot.com.

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