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PRESS RELEASE

Cindy Lewis: New District 1 Trustee for Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative

April 20, 2006 Missoula, Mont – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative is pleased to announce long-time Seeley Lake resident, Cindy Lewis, will serve out the remainder of Joe Nagy's term as Trustee of District 1. Born in Missoula, as a young child Cindy moved to Seeley Lake where she and Dick, her husband of 31 years, raised their two daughters, Wendy and Brandy, who currently attend college in Missoula.

Always a "whatever it takes" kind of person, Cindy has been an equipment operator/truck driver, officer manager and is now President of Wilderness Excavating; the company she and Dick started in 1976. In addition, Cindy recently completed her Associate Degree at the University of Montana and is a Medical Assistant in Nursing Services for Western Montana Clinic.

For the past 20 years Cindy has exhibited this same drive and commitment in the contributions she has made to the Seeley Lake community. A Seeley Lake Ambulance-Emergency Medical Technician since 1980, Cindy was also the Seeley Lake Ambulance Chief from 1986 to 1994 and has been a member of the Seeley Lake Fire District Board since 2001, serving as its chairman since 2004.

When asked to join the Blackfoot Board of Trustees Cindy stated, "I'm very excited to be chosen to represent District 1. I hope my previous board experience will be an asset to the Cooperative."

With so much going on in Cindy's life Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative is honored she has found time to share her many skills with us. President, Geof Wilson welcomes Cindy to the board. Mr. Wilson would also like to thank the people in District 1 who submitted their names as candidates. He emphasized "there was a very qualified group of applicants who applied for this position. We are pleased there was so much interest."

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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