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PRESS RELEASE

Geoff Wilson Named as Blackfoot Board President

April 19, 2002 Missoula, Mont – Geoff Wilson was named as the President of the Board of Directors at the Blackfoot CFT annual meeting on April 6, 2002. Geoff has been on the board since the inception of the company in 1994. This is Mr. Wilson's third term as president.

Geoff Wilson is the Blackfoot CFT Director representing Mineral County. He and his wife Nancy have lived in Mineral County for seventeen years – seven years in St. Regis and the last ten years in Superior. Geoff is retired from the Forest Service and works on his tree farm outside of St. Regis. He currently is part of the Mineral Community Hospital Board and also the Mineral Community Hospital Foundation Board.

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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