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PRESS RELEASE

Blackfoot issues \$5000 Challenge Grant to Clinton Community

February 6, 2008, Missoula, Montana - The Clinton Community Playground Project ("Cougar Kingdom") originated as a vision to provide safe recreational opportunities for children from Bonner to Beavertail and to bring the community together for a common purpose. This one-year community project will culminate September 24-28, 2008 with hundreds of local residents volunteering to build a one-of-a-kind playground on the Clinton Elementary School grounds. As a dedicated community park, it will be something that will be enjoyed by the community for generations. Cougar Kingdom was designed by the students of Clinton Elementary and will reflect the community's rich heritage in both design and artistic elements.

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group (Blackfoot) has enthusiastically partnered with Cougar Kingdom to help make this vision a reality for the Clinton community. Blackfoot will match every dollar donated by individuals to Cougar Kingdom until we reach \$10,000 (\$5000 from Blackfoot and \$5000 from individual donors). The Clinton Community Playground Project is thrilled to have Blackfoot working along side them to ensure their goal of a community-built playground is realized.

Anyone interested in making a donation, volunteering their time, or obtaining more information can visit www.clintoncougars.com/cougarkingdom; or contact Nicole Smart, Playground Project Coordinator directly at cougarkingdom@blackfoot.net.

About Blackfoot *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 communities in 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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