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# Media Advisory

## Community Partnership: Miles City Energy Meeting

For Immediate Release

Billings, MT, September 12, 2012: This past March 21, a group of about 35 community leaders from Eastern Montana (chambers, economic development professionals, mayors, county commissioners, elected officials and business people) gathered in Glendive at the invitation of the Billings Chamber of Commerce and Big Sky Economic Development. The focus was to discuss energy development and opportunities in our region. A key takeaway was that we support the positive economic prosperity created by the oil plays and coal development in our region and we want to be sure our communities remain ahead of growing infrastructure and general growth needs.

Our next meeting will take place September 19, 2012 from 11:30-2 at the new [Miles City Sleep Inn](#) on South Haynes Ave. We will focus this meeting on coordinating our regional efforts to support legislative needs of our communities this session in Helena.

Communities with confirmed representation include: Glendive, Sidney, Billings, Baker, Wibaux, Broadus, Colstrip, and Miles City.

Our goal will be to determine what common legislative items our communities can advocate for together during the 2012-13 legislative session related to needs created by energy development. We will invite speakers from the Montana Petroleum Association and state legislative leaders.

We invite you to attend to cover the meeting and discussion. Additionally, the Billings Chamber/CVB will provide transportation to the meeting to interested parties while seats are available. To cover the meeting or to secure your seat on the Chamber/CVB transportation, please RSVP to Bruce MacIntyre at [Bruce@BillingsChamber.com](mailto:Bruce@BillingsChamber.com).

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