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If you seek a little slower pace, a higher quality of life and unlimited recreation... Dillon and Southwest Montana is for you!

ABOUT DILLON, MONTANA:

Dillon, Montana is an economically stable and friendly and easy going town of about 4,500 residents. It is the seat of Beaverhead County, Montana's largest county, and offers a rich history, diversified economy, and exceptional outdoor recreation!



Dillon is located between Butte and the Idaho Border along I-15 at the junction of Montana Hwy 41 and Hwy 278.



Fortune smiled on the company of Lewis and Clark as they traveled through this area looking for a way west. Three generations later, the Nez Perce fled this region after a tragic battle at the Big Hole. Along the scenic byways,

abundant wildlife and historic towns, you'll find country with a lasting role in the settling of the western frontier.

Dillon started as a ranching town when the railroad brought settlers to the Beaverhead Valley in the late 1800's.



The Utah and Northern Railroads brought in many people from Monida Pass. The town was named after the president of the Union Pacific Railroad, Sidney Dillon. In 1869 sheep were brought into the Beaverhead Valley, and quickly turned Dillon into the largest wool shipping point in Montana at the time. Cattle became



also a major source of income for the early residents of Dillon when they were introduced in 1865, which added substantially to the areas development. Miners



were also attracted to the area in search of gold, silver and much more!

Even today, the western frontier is definitely still alive in Dillon, and

Southwest Montana. Our population is comprised of many honest, hard working and genuinely friendly folks.

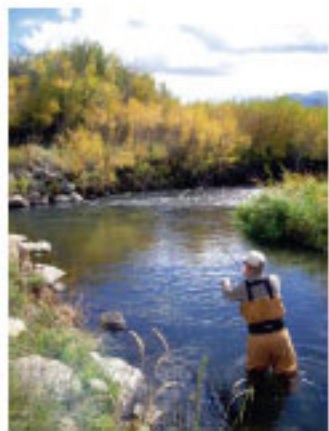
It has been documented that the economic climate in Dillon and Beaverhead County, Montana remains steady amid rising fuel costs, etc. Dillon is the home of numerous cottage industries and small businesses as well as larger employers such as Barrett Hospital and Healthcare, University of Montana Western, Great Harvest Bread Company Corporate Office, Patagonia Outlet, and Barrett Minerals, just to name a few.



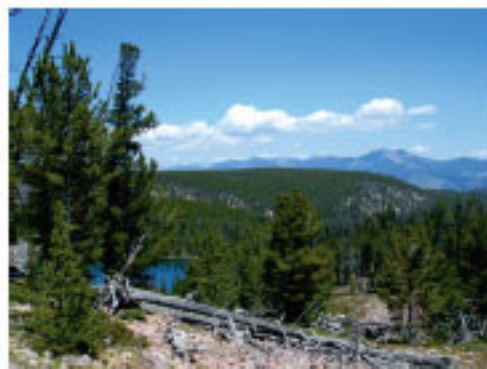


Dillon offers exceptional medical facilities, and numerous community service organizations. Basic services and retail stores are here, expanded services & commercial airports are within an easy 1 to 2 hour drive. The area's immense outdoors for fishing, hunting, camping and related activities in the nearby mountain ranges and scenic valleys. As a sparsely populated area, you will be amazed at how easy it is to get away from it all.

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Area Climate is relatively mild by Montana standards with low rainfall, lots of sunny days and fairly moderate temperature extremes. If you are looking for a slower pace of life, no traffic congestion, low crime rates and love the outdoors Dillon can be a satisfying place to live.



About Beaverhead County, Montana:



Beaverhead County is Montana's largest county by area, covering 5,542 square miles. Approx. 2/3 of the land area contained in Beaverhead County is comprised of public lands, including Beaverhead Deer Lodge National Forest, Bureau of Land Management and State of Montana Lands. Beaverhead

County is the 24th most populous county in the State of Montana, with an estimated 8,804 residents as of July 1st, 2007. Average population density for Beaverhead County is 1.7 persons per square mile! Beaverhead County is the top cattle-producing county in Montana, making agriculture one of the staples of the county's economy.



Beaverhead County is also home to Barretts Minerals, one of the world's largest talc mines. Gold and precious gemstones are also mined in Beaverhead County.



Dillon is known as the economic center for the Southwest Montana region, being the largest city in a 60 mile radius, with diversified services and retail businesses serving southern Butte -Silver Bow County, Western Madison, and Southern





Jefferson Counties. Dillon is also home to the University of Montana-Western.

Topography of Beaverhead County ranges from rugged alpine peaks in its many mountain ranges, to lush river bottom pastures along the many creek and river drainages, which constitute the origin and headwaters to the Missouri river.

The Beaverhead Valley is located at approx. 1



mile above sea level, offers a very mild climate and easy transportation access via Interstate Highway, State Highways, and Rail. The Beaverhead Valley is bisected by the Beaverhead River, with lush river bottom farms and ranches, surrounding "benches" are home to highly productive irrigated farm lands.

The Beaverhead County Airport features paved runway extending 6,500 feet, and is commonly visited by large corporate jet aircraft as well as other light aircraft.

The Grasshopper Valley is this area's 4-season recreation destination! The "Upper Grasshopper Valley" is home to Maverick Mountain Ski Area, as well as Elkhorn Hot Springs, numerous large cattle ranches and many seasonal and full time residential and recreational homes. The Grasshopper Valley is the gateway

to the Pioneer Mountains, where nearly limitless recreational opportunities await.

The Big Hole Valley, in the extreme western portion of Beaverhead County, is a high elevation mountain valley comprised primarily of large working cattle ranches.



The Big Hole River originates in the southern edge of this valley and flows North to Wisdom, Easterly to Wise River and Divide, Montana, turning south to Melrose and finally easterly and northerly to Twin Bridges to form 1/3 of the confluence of the Jefferson River. The Big Hole River is one of the only un-dammed rivers in the lower 48 states. The Big Hole Valley is also home to the Jackson Hot Springs Lodge!



The Centennial Valley in the extreme southern area of Beaverhead County is a very sparsely populated and seasonally accessible area, and is comprised primarily of large summer pasture ranches for livestock which winter in the Beaverhead or other nearby valleys.



Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, which is comprised of over 40,000 acres, is home to the rare Trumpeter Swan, is also located in the Centennial Valley. Other sparsely populated valleys in Southern Beaverhead County include the Big Sheep Creek Basin, Medicine Lodge Valley and Horse Prairie Valley, each of which are primarily farm and ranch areas.



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