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## **HOTEL MEADE MARKS GRAND REOPENING**

**BANNACK** - The Bannack Association and Bannack State Park are having a grand reopening of the Hotel Meade from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, June 12 to showcase extensive renovation work completed over the past two years.

The Bannack Association is hosting an open house and high tea in the hotel, where tea and crumpets will be served. For those who prefer, music and refreshments will be available at Skinner's Saloon. Jerry Burtt and friends will be playing classic country tunes and the "Slightly Soiled Doves" dance hall girls will also be performing. Guests are encouraged to wear period attire, although it is not required.

"Special one-time funding allowed us to complete this important work," said Dale Carlson, Bannack park manager. Montana State Parks received \$500,000 in matching funds from the 2007 Montana State Legislature, as well as a \$194,500 grant from the Save America's Treasures Program in 2008 for stabilization and restoration work. The historic mining town of Bannack is a designated National Historic Landmark

The first phase of the restoration work was completed in 2008 and included structural stabilization and refinishing the first floor of the 133-year old Hotel Meade, Bannack's largest and most prominent historic building. The second phase of the project, which took place last summer, included lathe and plaster work on the second floor of the hotel.

"We're incredibly grateful to the National Park Service, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Governor Schweitzer, and the Montana State Legislature for their support to help us carry

out this essential restoration work,” added Carlson. “The funding and great workmanship will allow future generations to enjoy this significant building for many years to come.”

This program is free and open to the public; non-residents pay a \$5.00 per vehicle entrance fee to the park. Bannack State Park is 25 miles west of Dillon, four miles off of Highway 278. Park hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. For more information, call 406-834-3413.

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