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MIRACLE PLANET TAKES VIEWERS ON FOUR-BILLION-YEAR JOURNEY

WHITEHORSE – The Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre is one of seven museums that will host the *Miracle Planet* film series during National Science and Technology week, Oct. 14 – 23, 2005.

“On behalf of the Yukon government, I am pleased that the Beringia Centre is one of only seven museums working in a cooperative partnership with the Alliance of Natural History Museums of Canada and the National Film Board of Canada to show these unique films,” Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said.

The high-definition film series *Miracle Planet* takes viewers on a four-billion-year journey through the history of life on planet earth. The first episode, *The Violent Past*, is a finalist in the Jackson Hole Film Festival for the Best Earth Sciences Program award. All five episodes were filmed around the world in partnership with the National Film Board of Canada and are based on the most recent scientific findings.

The public is invited to come and see the first in this five-part series, *The Violent Past*, at the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre, Oct. 23, 2005. Admission is free. The show begins at 7 p.m. followed by a lecture with Charlie Roots, a Natural Resources Canada regional mapping geologist with the Geological Survey of Canada, working with the Yukon Geology Program. The public is invited to stay and to learn more about the science behind the fascinating development of our planet.

Throughout the winter months and into the beginning of 2006, the Beringia Centre will present the remaining four films entitled *Snowball Earth*, *New Frontiers*, *Extinction and Rebirth*, and *Survival of the Fittest*.

For further information, contact the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre at (867) 667-8855 or log onto their website www.beringia.com/new.html.

The other six Canadian museums include the Canadian Museum of Nature, the New Brunswick Museum, the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, the Provincial Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum and the Royal Tyrell Museum that will also present the *Miracle Planet* films in their communities during National Science and Technology week and the coming months.

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