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### **Cheyenne Open House Rescheduled for Pole Mountain Proposed Action**

**(LARAMIE, Wyo.) December 3, 2015** – The Laramie Ranger District (LRD) of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has rescheduled an open house in Cheyenne, Wyo. to discuss the Pole Mountain Travel Management Proposed Action. The new time for this open house will be Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the Laramie County Library Cottonwood Meeting Room. USFS personnel will be available to answer questions, go over maps, and distribute information.

Due to this rescheduling, the initial 30-day public comment period will be extended 10 days to end on Dec. 14, 2015. The open house that was originally to be held in Cheyenne on Nov. 17 was cancelled because of hazardous weather conditions.

The LRD has already held one open house regarding the Proposed Action, in Laramie on Nov. 12.

Forest users will find that the initial USFS proposal is to leave the majority of roads on Pole Mountain in their current, open status. In order to address access and resource concerns, other management proposals include shortening roads, closing roads, and decommissioning roads. Additionally, the USFS proposes to add select unauthorized routes to the system, convert some roads to Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails, build new OHV trails, and use seasonal closures and designated dispersed camping as management tools.

Details of the Proposed Action can be found on the project website:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46718>.

The overall purpose of the project is to identify a sustainable motorized transportation system that will provide diverse motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities, provide adequate access for the Forest Service to manage natural resources, recreation, and permitted uses on the forest, and minimize user conflicts and impacts to the environment.

The analysis area for the project is mainly north of Interstate 80 between Laramie and Cheyenne in the Laramie Range. It includes the road system that provides motorized access to approximately 55,000 acres on the Medicine Bow National Forest. Popular areas include Tie City, Happy Jack, Blair-Wallis, Vedauwoo, and Eagle Rock.

Environmental Coordinator, Monique Nelson, is available to answer questions at (307) 745-2310, or via email, [moniquenelson@fs.fed.us](mailto:moniquenelson@fs.fed.us). Interested parties can also stop by the Laramie District Office at 2468 Jackson St., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mon. – Fri.

For more information about this project contact the Laramie Ranger District at (307) 745-2300. Information can also be found on the following website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the MBRTB on Twitter, [@FS\\_MBRTB](https://twitter.com/FS_MBRTB).

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