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Douglas Ranger District Wins Highest USFS Regional Honor

(DOUGLAS, Wyo.) May 4, 2016 – As announced recently by Regional Forester Dan Jirón, the Douglas Ranger District (DRD) has been named the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region – Ranger District of the Year for 2015.

DRD was recognized for achievement by the Region with its highest honor. The honor was largely due to the District's efforts in the areas of sage grouse and sagebrush conservation, energy resources, grazing, and prescribed fire, as well as work towards resolution of other wildlife and habitat issues.

Despite juggling several key staff vacancies and the onboarding of new employees, 2015 was a successful year for the District, as they were also recognized by the National Grassland Managers Council as District of the Year.

The Douglas Ranger District administers both the Thunder Basin National Grassland (TBNG) and the Laramie Peak unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest.

The TBNG, covering nearly 550,000 acres, is located in northeastern Wyoming in the Powder River Basin between the Big Horn Mountains and the Black Hills. Elevations on the National Grassland range from 3,600 feet to 5,200 feet and the climate is semi-arid. Land patterns on the Grassland are very complex because federal, state and private lands are intermingled.

The Laramie Peak area is located in east central Wyoming, stretching from southeast of Casper to west of Wheatland. This portion of the Medicine Bow National Forest is part of the Laramie Range and is dominated by the jagged 10,274 foot crest of Laramie Peak. The area includes nearly 180,000 acres of National Forest System lands, which are intermingled with private, state, and other federally-managed lands.

For more information about management of the Laramie Peak area or the Thunder Basin National Grassland, contact the DRD at (307) 358-4690 or stop by at 2250 East Richards Street in Douglas, Wyo. between 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

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