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Greetings,

The Northern Hills Ranger District is proposing a variety of activities to improve forest conditions in the Telegraph Project Area south of Lead, South Dakota. These actions, along with the rationale for proposing them, are outlined in greater detail in the attached project information sheet. Information regarding this project is being mailed to citizens and organizations who have expressed an interest in management of the Black Hills National Forest or who own land in or adjacent to the project area.

I invite you to comment on the proposed action. Solicitation of public comments is an important step in our planning process. Your comments will contribute to our understanding of the project area and issues regarding forest management in this area. They will also help us identify any alternative actions that we can take to improve forest conditions. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

Comment procedures are outlined in the attached project information sheet. Those who submit a comment regarding this project will be kept on the project mailing list and will receive a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this project once it is published. Those who do not submit a comment will be removed from the mailing list unless they otherwise notify us that they would like to remain on the list. If you elect not to comment but would like to remain on the mailing list, please contact Jackie Groce, Natural Resource Planner, at (605) 642-4622 or via e-mail at [jgroce@fs.fed.us](mailto:jgroce@fs.fed.us).

The attached document as well as other project documentation will be posted to the Black Hills National Forest internet site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills/projects/nepa/index.shtml>. If you have difficulty reading the enclosed maps, they should appear with greater clarity on the internet site.

Thank you for your continued interest in the management of your National Forest.

Sincerely,

RHONDA O'BYRNE  
District Ranger

Enclosure: Telegraph Forest Management Project--Proposed Action and Request for Comments

