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Greetings:

The North Zone Range 08 Proposed Action and Additional Information is available for your review and comment per 36 CFR 215.5(iv) at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills/projects/nepa/public_docs/North_Zone_Range_08/index.shtml

The purpose of this project is to improve livestock management so that it is consistent with the goals, objectives, standards and guidelines of the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, as amended (Forest Plan). Although the environmental assessment has not been finalized, detailed information on the purpose and need for action, the proposed action, a comparison of alternatives, monitoring, and a preliminary analysis of effects has been included. Alternative A is the proposed action for the allotments. The completed EA will be available at the time the Decision Notices are signed by the Responsible Officials.

It is important that you are aware of Forest Service regulations (36 CFR 215) that pertain to public comment. The comment period will end 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice for the Proposed Action in the Rapid City Journal. This publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit comments on the proposed action. Those wishing to comment on this proposal should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Comments must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.

The submission of comments must include a name and address of the commenter and title of the proposed action. Only those who provide comment or otherwise express interest in the proposed action during the comment period will be accepted as appellants. Interest expressed or comments provided on this project prior to or after the close of this comment period will not constitute standing for appeal purposes. For appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Those using electronic means may submit a scanned signature. Otherwise, another means of verifying the identity of the individual or organizational representative may be necessary for electronically submitted comments or comments received by telephone. Individual members of an organization must submit their own comments to meet the requirements of appeal eligibility. Comments received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only.

We invite your comments on this project. Please submit comments and questions to Alice Allen, Team Leader, at the following address:

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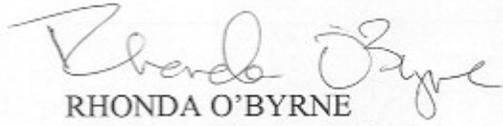
Comments may also be submitted electronically to the following e-mail address: comments-rocky-mountain-black-hills-northern-hills@fs.fed.us Comments submitted electronically must include the words "North Zone Range 08" in the subject line. Comments provided



electronically must be in MS-Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), Adobe (.pdf), or hypertext markup language (.html).

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

Sincerely,


RHONDA O'BYRNE
Northern Hills District Ranger


STEVE KOZEL
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