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### **Bighorn National Forest Revised Forest Plan Steering Committee Monitoring and Evaluation Field Trip**

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**Sheridan, Wyo., August 10, 2009** - Bighorn National Forest Supervisor Bill Bass has announced that a steering committee field trip will be held on August 25, 2009. This revised Forest Plan monitoring and evaluation field trip will begin 10:00 a.m. at the Deer Haven Resort parking lot. The resort is located approximately 45 miles west of Buffalo and 15 miles east of Tensleep on Highway 16. The trip will include a short lunch break and is planned to conclude at 4:00 pm. This trip is open to the public.

Tentative topics of discussion include an update on the new administration, the Roadless Rule, status of the Western Watersheds Project lawsuit, and an update on the various programs on the Forest including planning, range, timber, recreation and fire/fuels. There will also be a review of the recreation use on the West Tensleep corridor and discussion on the Length of Stay analysis.

The Bighorn National Forest revised Forest Plan calls for bi-annual monitoring and evaluation meetings with the revision cooperating agencies – the State of Wyoming, and County Commissioners and Conservation District board members from the four county Bighorn NF area. This is the seventh monitoring and evaluation meeting since the Revised Forest Plan FEIS was signed in 2005. Forest Supervisor Bass said, “This field trip is about projects being accomplished on the Bighorn NF. This will be our chance to review if the goals and direction in the Revised Plan are being met, or if adjustments are needed.” Cooperating agency meetings are open to the public. Bass noted, “People should be aware these are working meetings, and there are ground rules for public attendees.”

If you have any questions regarding the field trip, please call Laurie Walters-Clark, 307-674-2627 ([lwaltersclark@fs.fed.us](mailto:lwaltersclark@fs.fed.us)). Information on projects on the Bighorn National Forest can also be found at the Forest website: [www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/).