



News Release

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Bighorn National Forest Implementation and Monitoring Meeting Scheduled

Bighorn National Forest Supervisor Bill Bass has announced that an implementation and monitoring meeting will be held on May 13, 2008. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Old Clear Creek Middle School in Buffalo, Wyoming. The school is one block west of the stop light at the junction of Main Street and Fort Street. We will be in the school gym, which is easiest to access through the doors on the south side of the school. The meeting is scheduled to last until 12:00 p.m.

The tentative agenda includes an update of current programs on the Bighorn National Forest. There will be a review of the 2007 Forest Plan monitoring and evaluation report, along with an update on various projects scheduled for 2008, including the Southwest fuels project, the Steamboat Point highway reconstruction, input from the recreation facility analysis meetings, information about visitor use monitoring, and the status of the outfitter guide prospectus. The 2005 Revised Bighorn NF 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. Forest Supervisor Bass said, "We will continue to work with the steering committee as we continue to implement the Forest Plan. This is another chance to see if we are meeting the goals and direction in the Revised Plan, or if we need to make adjustments."

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. Notably, this is not a forum for public input or comments, although attendees may be called upon by steering committee members to provide information and there is usually a short question and answer period at the end of the meeting."

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please call Laurie Walters-Clark, 307-674-2627 (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/.

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