



## News Release

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### **Boys & Girls Club to join Douglas Ranger District for National Grasslands Week Event**

**(DOUGLAS, Wyo.) June 26, 2014** – In what is becoming an annual event, the Douglas Ranger District (DRD) will be visiting their local Boys & Girls Club this Friday in celebration of National Grasslands Week.

U.S. Forest Service staff, representing the Thunder Basin National Grassland (TBNG), will join approximately 60 youth, ages 6-13, from the Douglas Boys & Girls Club, on June 27 for a day of activities.

Activities will revolve around a presentation on dinosaurs found on the TBNG. There will also be discussion of dinosaur species, an activity comparing the size of different dinosaurs, paleontology basics, and other fun activities. The program is titled *Dinosaurs on the Grasslands* and will be given by Angela Bulla, District Geologist and Paleontologist. Smokey Bear is scheduled to make a special appearance.

As declared by Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, June 22-28, 2014 is National Grasslands Week. It is meant to spotlight the beauty and historical importance of the 20 national grasslands in 12 western states that for 76 years have been managed for sustainable multiple use by the U.S. Forest Service.

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.

The National Grassland provides a diverse range of opportunities for recreation including hiking, sightseeing, hunting, fishing and motorized recreation. There are no developed campgrounds; however, dispersed camping is allowed.

Wildlife abounds year-round on the National Grassland, while it also provides forage for livestock and is underlain with vast mineral resources. Land patterns are very complex because federal, state and private lands are intermingled. The Douglas Ranger District administers the Thunder Basin National Grassland.

For more information please contact the DRD (307-358-4690) or stop by the office at 2250 E. Richards St. More information about this and other events can be found on the following website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland on Twitter, [@MBRNFsTBNG](https://twitter.com/MBRNFsTBNG).

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