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Douglas Ranger District Reminds Campers of Regulations

(DOUGLAS, Wyo.) July 29, 2014 – When the Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo comes to Douglas in mid-August, the nearly 100 energy industry workers living in RVs on the fairgrounds will need to relocate to accommodate incoming Fair participants. For some of those that are uprooted by the event, camping on nearby National Forest System Lands may seem appealing.

The Douglas Ranger District (DRD), who administers both the Laramie Peak unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest and the Thunder Basin National Grassland, is reminding those who wish to camp in those areas that they may certainly do so, but that there are regulations that need to be followed.

Following are some key things to remember for anyone who is considering camping:

- Developed campgrounds are available on the Laramie Peak unit. Please visit the District Office to obtain a list of campgrounds or go online, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>. All campgrounds require a daily fee. Fee requirements are posted at campground entrances. The maximum length of stay in the same developed campground, which includes the leaving of any type of equipment, tents or trailers, is limited to 14 days.
- Dispersed camping (camping in locations other than in a developed campground) is allowed at no fee and without a permit in many areas on National Forest System Lands. If camping isn't allowed, signs will be posted. The maximum length of stay, which includes the leaving of any type of equipment, tents or trailers, is limited to 16 days at the same location in dispersed areas. After 16 days all equipment must be moved at least three miles or off National Forest System Lands. A campsite cannot be returned to for 30 days after vacating it.
- The National Forest System Lands surrounding Douglas have no waste dump stations for travel trailers. It is illegal to dump wastewater on the ground or near streams.
- A permit is not needed to gather and use firewood for campfires, however, campers must use only dead or down wood. Please do not cut live, green trees. A permit is required to remove wood or any type of forest product from the Forest.
- Campfires are allowed on National Forest lands unless the fire danger is extreme and fire closure orders are in effect. Campfires must be dead out when you are not in camp or are departing the area. Check the fire danger status.

- Trash – If you pack it in, pack it back out. Do not leave garbage at campsites. If you are staying in a campground, use receptacles that are provided.
- Motorized travel is allowed only on Forest Service routes shown on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) and marked with a corresponding route number on the ground. If a route is not shown on the MVUM and/or there is no route number at the start of a route, motorized vehicles are not allowed to travel on it even though it might appear to be a well-used motorized route.
- No off-road travel is allowed. It is the forest visitor's responsibility to know the travel regulations. We encourage anyone with questions regarding travel restrictions to contact one of our offices.
- We recommend all National Forest System Lands users acquire Forest and/or Grassland visitor maps.

For more information please contact the DRD (307-358-4690) or stop by the office at 2250 E. Richards St. Information can also 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**.

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