



## News Release

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### **Second Set of Public Meetings on Pole Mountain Motorized Travel Announced**

**(LARAMIE, Wyo.) Sept. 2, 2015** – The Laramie Ranger District (LRD) and the University of Wyoming Ruckelshaus Institute invite the public to a second set of meetings pertaining to the Pole Mountain road system.

There will be a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, at the Laramie County Library in Cheyenne, from 6-8 p.m. Another meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015, at the Civic Center South Gym in Laramie, from 6-8 p.m. Both meetings will have identical formats.

This summer, members of the public who use Pole Mountain roads submitted comments and management ideas to the Forest Service. Those comments were received at public meetings in July, via email and social media, and through the comment form and interactive map on the Pole Mountain Roads website, <http://pole-mt-roads.org/>. The Ruckelshaus Institute compiled these comments to present them to the Forest Service in an organized format. In addition, the Forest Service conducted a thorough assessment of all the roads at Pole Mountain.

At these upcoming second meetings, the Forest Service will present what they learned over the summer and will suggest some potential management options. Members of the public in attendance will have an opportunity to respond to those potential solutions, ask questions and share further ideas.

These meetings are not required as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, but rather are helping the Forest Service understand what the public wants from the Pole Mountain road system in preparation for a formal planning process that will start this fall.

The overall purpose of the project is to provide sustainable, safe motorized access to and through the National Forest, to minimize user conflicts on the Pole Mountain roads, and to minimize negative impacts to natural resources.

It is important to note that no finalized proposals or determinations have been made by the LRD on this topic. For further information about this project, to view videos about the unique Pole Mountain ecosystem, and to subscribe to email updates, please see <http://pole-mt-roads.org/>.

The Ruckelshaus Institute, a division of the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming, advances the understanding and resolution of complex environmental and natural resources challenges and supports stakeholder-driven solutions to environmental challenges.

The Laramie Ranger District can be reached at (307) 745-2300 or stop by 2468 Jackson St. in Laramie from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. You can also visit our website at <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or follow the Medicine Bow National Forest on Twitter, @FS\_MBRTB

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