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Comments Sought on Draft Motorized Trailhead Design on the Buffalo Gap National Grassland

Chadron, NE – Forest Service officials will host an open house to get input on draft designs for developing the Railroad Buttes off-road vehicle use area south of Farmingdale, SD.

The open house is scheduled for four hours, 4-8pm, March 24 and will be held at the Best Western Ramkota, Sylvan I room, in Rapid City, SD.

District Ranger Mike McNeill noted that contractors, EDAW of Fort Collins, have been retained to produce designs for development of the area. EDAW has visited the site and is preparing design alternatives that will be responsive to Forest Land and Resource Management Plan direction for the Railroad Buttes Management Area.

Maps and drawings of proposed alternatives for trailhead layout will be available to help facilitate public input to the final design. People will have an opportunity to review the draft alternatives, ask questions, and then give input to EDAW on the final design.

“We need public input as to the infrastructure needs, safety issues, and other concerns associated with the design needed for managing this use,” McNeill said.

McNeill also said that the final design developed by EDAW would be a part of implementing future travel management direction which is a separate but ongoing planning process for the Buffalo Gap National Grassland.

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