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Message from the forest supervisor

Dear forest plan aficionado ,

We have completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Draft Land Management Plan (Forest Plan) for the Shoshone National Forest. The Forest Service has been working on this plan for several years. Since many of you have been involved in helping develop these items, I wanted to give you an update on the way ahead.

The draft Forest Plan and DEIS will be available for review beginning on July 30, 2012. You may view these documents by viewing our Forest Plan Revision website, on compact disk, or as a printed copy. Those of you on our forest plan mailing list will be receiving a compact disk copy by mail unless you request a hard copy.

This important step in the process of revising our management direction has been achieved by incorporating many ideas which we have heard in community meetings along with input from groups and individuals. Our regional forester has identified Alternative B as the agency's preferred alternative. The identification of the preferred alternative is not the final decision; rather, Alternative B reflects public input, the analysis of alternatives, and what we believe would be a reasonable resolution to issues.

On the next page you will find important dates to come in the forest plan revision process. Substantive comments received from the public during the 90-comment period may be used to modify alternatives, develop and evaluate new alternatives, modify or improve our analysis, and make factual corrections. We welcome your comments and will consider them as we work towards creating our final plan.

Once again, my personal thanks to everyone who has taken time to provide input to this point.

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Plan Revision Important Dates

July 30, 2012	Release of draft plan & draft environmental impact statement
August 4, 2012	Beginning of 90-day public comment period
September 24, 2012	Public meeting: Cody, Big Horn Federal Savings Bank, 1701 Stampede Ave, 5 - 7 p.m.
September 25, 2012	Public meeting: Dubois, Headwaters Art & Convention Center, 17 Stalnaker St, 5 - 7 p.m.
September 26, 2012	Public meeting: Lander, Monarch Hall, (Pronghorn Lodge) 150 East Main St, 5 - 7 p.m.
September 27, 2012	Public meeting: Thermopolis, Big Horn Federal Savings Bank, 643 Broadway St, 5 - 7 p.m.
November 1, 2012	End of 90-day public comment period
Summer 2013	Release of Forest Plan & Final Environmental Impact Statement
Winter 2014	Record of Decision

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