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Dear Planning Partner:

Administrative change #2 to the 2005 Bighorn National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and FEIS is complete. The changed Forest Plan chapters as well as and the soil and heritage resources sections of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) can be found at the Bighorn's web site at

http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/bighorn/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fswdev3_009165

Hard copies of the Plan with these changes should be available early this summer.

Administrative changes to Forest Plans are addressed in the 2012 Planning Rule (36 CFR 219.13(c)). Administrative change #2 corrects the following parts of the Forest Plan and final EIS. The changes listed below did not alter analyses or other Forest Plan direction, therefore the Plan direction continues to be valid.

- Includes updated language about Forest Plan consistency with the 2007 *Northern Rockies Lynx Management Direction Record of Decision* (chapter 1, text preceding lynx standards and guidelines).
- Updates the fire terminology in chapters 1, 2, and 3 to be consistent with the 2009 changes in implementation guidance for the Federal wildland fire management policy. In chapter 1, fire guidelines 1, 2, and 5 were updated. In chapter 2, terminology was deleted from the setting description for management area 3.31. In chapter 3, the wildland fire discussion in the *Disturbance Processes* section was updated for each geographic area. In Appendix A, the name of the map was updated to be consistent with the fire terminology.
- Corrects the list of municipal watersheds on the Forest by removing Tensleep Creek from the list in dispersed recreation standard 1b (chapter 1).
- Adds the soils and heritage resources sections to the final EIS. These sections were part of the draft EIS but were inadvertently left out of the final. No changes were made to these chapters.
- The new Chapter 4 includes the errata from 2006 as well as changes made in 2013.



If you have any questions regarding this administrative change, please contact Laurie Walters-Clark, Forest Planning Staff Officer, at (307) 674-2627.

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