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Prairie Dog Amendment Discussion-Public Meetings Thunder Basin National Grassland

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) Nov. 8, 2013 – U.S. Forest Service officials from Douglas and Laramie will be hosting a series of public meetings to discuss the future of prairie dog management on the Thunder Basin National Grassland. The upcoming meetings were rescheduled as a result of the Federal Government shutdown in October.

Responding to public concerns surrounding a 2009 Prairie Dog Management Strategy, the Forest Service is proposing to amend the 2001 Thunder Basin National Grassland Plan to modify specific components of the Strategy. To effectively address public issues and develop a proposed amendment, the Forest Service is interested in listening to and talking with the public.

The following public meetings will offer a 30-minute Open House (informational posters and maps), followed by a presentation from the Forest Service, and conclude with allotted time for comments, questions and answers. Forest Service personnel will be available to listen to ideas from interested citizens, discuss and answer questions regarding the proposal.

Monday, November 18 (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.) - Douglas
National Guard Armory
315 Pearson Road, Douglas, WY

Tuesday, November 19 (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.) - Newcastle
USDA Hell Canyon Ranger District Office
1225 Washington Blvd, Newcastle, WY

Wednesday, November 20 (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.) - Wright
Wright Town Hall
201 Wright Blvd, Wright, WY

Thursday, November 21 (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.) - Cheyenne
Laramie County Library
2200 Pioneer Ave., Cheyenne, WY

For more information contact the Douglas Ranger District at (307) 358-4690 or Forest Planner Melissa Martin in Laramie at (307) 745-2300. Detailed information such as maps, a description of the proposed project and where to submit written comments can also be found at:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/mbr/landmanagement/projects>.

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