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Public Meeting to Inform of UW Recreation Camp Situation

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) Dec. 10, 2013 – The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), University of Wyoming (UW) and Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be holding a public meeting on Monday, Dec. 16 to discuss the current status of the UW Recreation Camp (UWRC) near Centennial, Wyo.

The camp sits on 10 acres of National Forest System Lands and UW has operated as a permittee on the site since 1947. However, UW has not used the camp since 2009, does not intend to renew their permit and has plans to remove and/or demolish the on-site structures.

The meeting will take place at the Albany County Public Library (310 8th St.) in Laramie, from 4-7 p.m. All three involved agencies will be on hand to answer questions in an informal, open-house setting.

History of the site will be provided at the open house, as well as information about the proposed undertaking, current ideas for future actions and comment forms for public to provide input.

The Laramie Ranger District of the Medicine Bow National Forest has received formal notice from UW that they have chosen not to renew their existing permit for the operations of the UWRC. The existing permit for the recreation camp was signed in 1993, expires on Dec. 31 of this year and is non-transferable.

Once a permit like this is not renewed, the previous permittee is required to remove all structures and facilities from the permitted area so that the land can then be returned to its natural state. In this case, UW is responsible for decommissioning of the structures and their removal from the property.

The UWRC structures on the permitted site include 17 buildings and a number of other associated facilities (bridge, propane tanks, fences, etc...). The site has been determined by the USFS to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, with SHPO concurring on that eligibility.

At this time no alternatives other than the proposed plan from UW are being considered. Transferring or reissuing the permit to another entity is not being entertained by the Forest Service, as similar uses can be accommodated on nearby private land.

Those unable to attend the meeting can request further information or email comments to comments-rocky-mountain-medicine-bow-laramie@fs.fed.us.

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