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Forest Service and BLM Holding Public Meetings on Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments

The Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are holding public meetings over the next two weeks concerning the Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse conservation effort. The meetings are meant to hear from and inform the public, as well as other interested parties about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Land Use Plan Amendment (DEIS/LUPA).

In December 2013, the Forest Service and the BLM released the DEIS/LUPA, which opened a 90-day public comment period. The effort will affect sage grouse habitat on the Medicine Bow and Bridger Teton National Forests, and the Thunder Basin National Grassland, as well as habitat on the BLM's Rawlins, Rock Springs, Kemmerer, Pinedale, Casper, and Newcastle field office units.

The Forest Service and the BLM encourage the public to attend the DEIS open house meetings that will be held in Rawlins, Rock Springs, Pinedale, Casper, Douglas, and Laramie, Wyo., from 4p.m. to 7p.m., dates are listed below. Several stations will provide information on key issues, the planning process, and the commenting process. Forest Service and BLM staff will conduct a presentation at each location at 5p.m. Attendees can learn about the land use plan amendment comment process, ask questions, and provide comments in electronic and written formats.

Public involvement is an essential and required part of the planning process. The Forest Service and the BLM appreciate and encourage your participation, which will help both agencies accomplish what they are proposing.

Meeting Dates

Tuesday, Feb. 4

USFS Douglas Ranger District
2250 East Richards Street
Douglas, WY 82633

Wednesday, Feb. 5

BLM Casper Field Office
2987 Prospector Drive
Casper, WY 82604

Thursday, Feb. 6
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland
Supervisor's Office
2468 Jackson Street
Laramie, WY 82070

Tuesday, Feb. 11
BLM Pinedale Field Office
1625 West Pine Street
Pinedale, WY 82941

Wednesday, Feb. 12
BLM Rock Springs Field Office
280 Highway 191 North
Rock Springs, WY 82901

Thursday, Feb. 13
BLM Rawlins Field Office
1300 N Third Street
Rawlins, WY 82301

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