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Annual public event to discuss past, present, and future Medicine Bow Landscape Vegetation Analysis project (LaVA) treatments

In-person and virtual public open house to take place May 9.

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) April 7, 2023 – The Medicine Bow National Forest will host a public open house to discuss ongoing implementation of the Landscape Vegetation Analysis (LaVA) project on Tuesday, May 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The open house will be held in-person at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's office, 1212 S. Adams St, Laramie, WY 82070. A virtual option for attendance will be provided via Microsoft Teams. Anyone who wishes to attend virtually should email Matt Schweich, LaVA Coordinator, at matthew.schweich@usda.gov.

This open house is one of the public engagement opportunities for the LaVA project. It is designed for the public to learn about the current status of the project and provide input and feedback on several checkpoints in the implementation process.

During the open house, representatives from the USDA Forest Service and cooperating agencies will give planning and implementation updates for various focus areas and projects across the LaVA landscape and solicit public input.

The LaVA project seeks to improve forest conditions in the Sierra Madre and Snowy Ranges using a wide range of tools. A maximum of 288,000 acres could be treated over a 15-year period that began in 2020.

For additional information:

- The [LaVA Implementation web page](#) links to extensive information on the project.
- The [LaVA StoryMap](#) is an interactive tool for spatially representing LaVA focus areas and treatments on the landscape and allows users to provide online feedback.
- Those interested in project updates are encouraged to join the LaVA mailing list through [GovDelivery](#), which is our primary means of directly contacting the public.

Information on the Medicine Bow National Forest can be found on our [website](#) or on the Forests' [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts.

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