

Legal Notice

The Black Hills National Forest Intends to Develop a Programmatic Agreement for the Black Hills Resilient Landscapes Project

Notice is hereby given that the Black Hills National Forest (Forest) intends to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) with the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer in order to fulfill the Forest's legal obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the proposed Black Hills Resilient Landscapes Project (BHRL). The primary purpose of BHRL is to move landscape-level vegetation conditions toward Forest Plan objectives to better improve ecosystem resilience to insect infestation and other natural disturbances, contribute to public safety and the local economy, and reduce risk of wildfire to landscapes and communities.

A PA is desirable because the effects of the project cannot be fully determined prior to signing an Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision (pursuant to 36 CFR §800.14(b)(1)(ii)). A PA is also warranted due to the potentially repetitive nature of implementation activities (pursuant to 36 CFR §800.14(b)(1)(i)).

The Forest would like to invite public participation by soliciting public input regarding the development and content of the Black Hills Resilient Landscapes PA that will be developed to manage historic properties (for example, significant archaeological sites and historic structures) located within the project area. Please direct your questions and/or comments to:

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All responses to this notice must be received by May 1, 2017.