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The Black Hills National Forest has issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the Black Hills Resilient Landscapes (BHRL) Project. These documents are available electronically at http://tinyurl.com/BHRLProject. Paper copies are available on request and at Black Hills National Forest offices in Custer, Rapid City, and Spearfish, South Dakota, and Sundance and Newcastle, Wyoming.

The draft ROD documents my decision to authorize implementation of the Proposed Action, including a programmatic Forest Plan amendment.

The draft decision is subject to predecisional administrative review (objection) pursuant to 36 CFR §218, Subparts A and C, for planned activities and also 36 CFR §219, Subpart B, for the programmatic Forest Plan amendment. Objections, including attachments, must be filed via postal service, hand-delivery, or messenger service to:

Objection Reviewing Officer
Brian Ferebee, Regional Forester
US Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region
1617 Cole Blvd., Building 17
Golden, CO 80401

Objections may also be filed via fax (303-275-5134) or email (r02admin_review@fs.fed.us). Business hours for hand-delivery are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronic appeals must be submitted in a commonly used format (such as .doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt, or .rtf) with subject: BHRL FEIS.

Objections, including attachments, regarding project activities implementing the Forest Plan must be filed within 30 days of the date of publication of legal notice of opportunity to object in the *Rapid City Journal*, Rapid City, South Dakota (36 CFR §218.32). Objections, including attachments, regarding the programmatic Forest Plan amendment must be filed within 60 days of publication of the same legal notice (36 CFR §219.52). Publication is expected to occur on or about March 30, 2018. The legal notice contains additional information on objection eligibility and content requirements.

For further information concerning the decision, contact Anne Davy, Project Manager, email adavy@fs.fed.us or by phone at (406) 273-1836. For questions on the Forest Service objection process contact Kelly Honors, Forest Environmental Coordinator, at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 1019 North 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730, email khonors@fs.fed.us, or by phone at (605) 673-9200.

Sincerely,

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