



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The committee is authorized under the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, the National Forest Management Act of 1976, the Federal Public Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the committee is to provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest issues such as forest plan revisions or amendments, forest health including fire, insect and disease, travel management, forest monitoring and evaluation, recreation fees, and site-specific projects having forest-wide implications.

DATES: An in-person meeting will be held on January 15, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST).

Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide in-person oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. MST on January 10, 2025. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. MST on January 10, 2025. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Agency, but the Committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All board meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under *For Further Information Contact*.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in person, at the U.S. Forest Service, Mystic Ranger District Office, 8221 Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57702.

Board information and meeting details can be found at the following website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/blackhills/workingtogether/advisorycommittees> or by contacting the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov or via mail (i.e., postmarked) to Scott Jacobson, 8221 Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57702. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically.

Oral Comments: Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. MST, January 10, 2025, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov or via mail (i.e., postmarked) to Scott Jacobson, 8221 Mount Rushmore Road, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shawn Cochran, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 605-673-9201, or email at shawn.cochran@usda.gov, or Scott Jacobson, Committee Coordinator at 605-440-1409 or email at scott.j.jacobson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda will include:

1. Annual Ethics Training;
2. LiDAR update;
3. Forest Plan Revision update; and
4. Managing Recreation on the Forest.

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda.

Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 7 days after the meeting date listed under DATES.

Please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, by or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

Meeting Accommodations: The meeting location is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section or contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and beliefs of the American people, including underserved communities.

Dated: December 16, 2024.

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USDA Committee Management Officer.

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