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(Neb.)-Forest Service Planning Changes To Chadron Office



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(Chadron)-An extensive energy efficiency renovation project will begin in the next several weeks at the Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands and Pine Ridge Ranger District offices at 125 North Main Street in Chadron. The project could last up to one year and several employees will move to temporary worksites for the duration; however, to minimize disruption to public service general contact information will not change.

"Our energy efficiency improvement plan has been progressing for approximately two years," said Paul Lans, Engineering Project Manager. "This building is the least energy efficient Forest Service buildings in all five states covered by Region 2. The good news is when we're done we will achieve an 80% increase in energy efficiency and have a healthier, safer, work place and public office environment."

Most of the Pine Ridge Ranger District staff and some Forest Supervisor office staff will be relocated to the District worksite three miles south of Chadron on Highway 385. Remaining Forest Supervisor's staff will stay at the current location, but some personnel will shift to office space in the west side of the building or move into one of the two temporary trailers located in the west parking lot.

"Two surplus Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers arrived several days ago and will be located in the existing parking lot to the west of the building. Other changes coming soon will be on-site heavy construction equipment such as, a crane, a drilling rig, other construction vehicles, and building materials will be moving on and off the site during the project," said Lans

Both sites will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visitor information and service, such as map sales, will be available at the Pine Ridge Ranger District Office 3 miles south of Chadron at 16524 Highway385.

For additional information or to locate specific employees people can call the office at (308) 432-0300.

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