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(S.D.)-Forest Service Seeks Comments For Improvements At Railroad Buttes



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(HOT SPRINGS, S.D.)-The U.S. Forest Service has released scoping documents for plans intended to improve visitors' recreational experiences at Railroad Buttes, a popular off-highway-vehicle (OHV) area approximately 15 miles southeast of Rapid City. A public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24th, at the Ramkota Best Western in Rapid City from noon until 8:00 p.m.

"Railroad Buttes is one of our most popular recreational areas," says Fall River District Ranger Mike McNeill. "We want the public to get involved and comment on planned improvements at the site, including adding gravel, picnic tables, public toilets, and a kiosk for information sharing at the main parking area. Additionally, we plan to install unloading facilities and develop a 'Tot Lot' suitable for beginning riders to safely gain riding experience. The public meeting offers everyone an opportunity to learn more about proposed changes, review maps and share their thoughts."

McNeill emphasized that comments must be received within 30 days after official public notification on Thursday, July 11th, to be considered in the final analysis of the proposed action, which then allows standing time for an appeal. This will be the only opportunity to comment on the project.

Interested persons may stop by the Fall River Ranger District office to view maps and information from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1801 Hwy 18 Truck Bypass in Hot Springs or by calling 605-745-4107. A notice of the proposed action is also available online at <http://www/fs/usda.gov/land/nebraska/landmanagment>.

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