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Ira S. Reese,

*Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[SDM 104505/WYW 181986]

#### Notice of Application for Withdrawal and Notification of Public Meetings; South Dakota and Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS) has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw approximately 17,486.90 acres of National Forest System lands from the mining laws to protect four Research Natural Areas and seven Botanical Areas within the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota and Wyoming. This notice temporarily segregates the lands for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws while the application is being processed. This notice also gives an opportunity to comment on the proposed withdrawal application, and announces dates, time and location of two public meetings.

**DATES:** The USFS must receive comments on or before December 23, 2015. The USFS will hold public meetings in connection with the proposed withdrawal on October 27, 2015 and October 28, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest, 1019 North 5th Street, Custer, South Dakota 57730 or the BLM Montana State Director, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Valerie Hunt, USFS, Rocky Mountain Region, 303-275-5071, [vbhunt@fs.fed.us](mailto:vbhunt@fs.fed.us), Tamara Lorenz, BLM Montana State Office, 406-896-5053, [tlorenz@mt.blm.gov](mailto:tlorenz@mt.blm.gov), or Marilyn Roth, BLM Wyoming State Office, 307-775-6189.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USFS has filed an application with the BLM, pursuant to Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 requesting that the Secretary of the Interior withdraw, for a 20-year period, subject to valid existing rights, the National Forest System lands within the Black Hills National Forest described below, from location and entry under the United States mining laws:

#### South Dakota

##### Black Hills National Forest

Black Hills Meridian

#### Bear and Beaver Gulches Botanical Area

T. 5 N., R. 1 E.,  
Sec. 4, lots 4 and 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 6, lots 1, 3 thru 9, and lots 12 thru 17;  
Sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 9, lots 1 thru 6, lot 8, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 16, lot 2.

T. 6 N., R. 1 E.,  
Sec. 17, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 18, lot 17;  
Sec. 19, lots 1, 5, 6, and 11, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 20, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 21, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 30, lots 1 thru 6, lots 7 and 12, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 31, lots 1 thru 7, lots 10, 11, 12, and 14, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 32, lots 1 thru 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 33, lots 1 and 2, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 5,342.08 acres in Lawrence County.

#### Black Fox Botanical Area

T. 2 N., R. 2 E.,  
Sec. 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 12 lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 13, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 24, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 2 N., R. 3 E.,  
Sec. 7, lots 4 thru 7;  
Sec. 17, lots 2, 6, and 7;  
Sec. 18, lots 1, 2, 5, and 6, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 1,618.38 acres in Pennington (909.42 acres) and Lawrence (708.96 acres) Counties.

#### Canyon City Research Natural Area

T. 1 N., R. 4 E.,  
Sec. 1, lots 1, 3, and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 2, lots 1 thru 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 3, lots 5 and 6.  
T. 2 N., R. 4 E.,  
Sec. 34, lot 9, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 36, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 914.26 acres in Pennington County.

#### Englewood Springs Botanical Area

T. 4 N., R. 3 E.,  
Sec. 29, lots 2, 6, and 7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 32, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 409.05 acres in Lawrence County.

#### Fanny Boles Gulch Research Natural Area

T. 3 S., R. 1 E.,  
Sec. 6, lots 5, 6, and 7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 7, lots 1 thru 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 853.41 acres in Custer County.

#### Higgins Gulch Botanical Area

T. 6 N., R. 1 E.,  
Sec. 23, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 24, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 25, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 26, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 35, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 36, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 1,640.00 acres in Lawrence County.

#### McIntosh Fen Botanical Area

T. 1 N., R. 2 E.,  
Sec. 14, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 15, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 22, lots 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8;  
 Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  except for that portion  
 within Homestead Entry Survey 235  
 subject to Patent 529631.

The area described contains 239.60  
 acres in Pennington County.

#### North Fork of Castle Creek Area

T. 1 N., R. 2 E.,  
 Sec. 2, lots 3 and 4;

T. 2 N., R. 2 E.,  
 Sec. 22, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 26, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 34, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 35, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates  
 1,681.72 acres in Pennington County.

The areas described in South Dakota  
 aggregate approximately 12,698.50 acres  
 in Custer, Lawrence, and Pennington  
 Counties.

#### Wyoming

##### *Black Hills National Forest*

Sixth Principal Meridian

##### Dugout Gulch Botanical Area

T. 52 N., R. 60 W.,  
 Sec. 19, lots 3 and 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 30, lots 1 thru 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 31, lot 1, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 52 N., R. 61 W.,  
 Sec. 24, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 25, lots 1 thru 4, inclusive,  
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 36, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates  
 1,515.33 acres in Crook County.

##### Hay Creek Research Natural Area

T. 54 N., R. 62 W.,  
 Sec. 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 17, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 18, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 1,080.00  
 acres in Crook County.

##### Upper Sand Creek Botanical Area

T. 51 N., R. 60 W.,  
 Sec. 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 17, lots 1 and 2, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 18, lots 5 thru 8, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 19, E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 20, lot 1, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 21, lots 8 thru 11, lots 14 and 15, and  
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 29, lots 2 and 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and  
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 30, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 2,233.07  
 acres in Crook County.

The total areas described in Wyoming  
 aggregate 4,828.40 acres in Crook  
 County.

The purpose of the withdrawal is to  
 protect the Research Natural Areas and  
 Botanical Areas and allow the USFS to  
 explore administrative alternatives in  
 managing the lands.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency  
 agreement, or cooperative agreement  
 would not provide adequate protection  
 for these areas due to the broad scope  
 and nondiscretionary nature of the  
 general mining laws.

No alternative sites are feasible due to  
 the resource significance of the areas.  
 No water will be needed to fulfill the  
 purpose of the requested withdrawal.

Records relating to the application  
 may be examined by contacting the  
 USFS, Rocky Mountain Region at the  
 above address and phone number.

For a period until December 23, 2015,  
 all persons who wish to submit  
 comments, suggestions, or objections in  
 connection with the withdrawal  
 application may present their views in  
 writing to the Forest Supervisor, Black  
 Hills National Forest at the address  
 indicated above.

Comments, including names and  
 street addresses of respondents, will be  
 available for public review at the Forest  
 Supervisor's Office, Black Hills National  
 Forest, 1019 North 5th Street, Custer,  
 South Dakota 57730, during regular  
 business hours. Individual respondents  
 may request confidentiality. Before  
 including your address, phone number,  
 email address, or other personal  
 identifying information in your  
 comment, be advised that your entire  
 comment—including your personal  
 identifying information—may be made  
 publicly available at any time. While  
 you can ask us in your comment to  
 withhold from public review your  
 personal identifying information, we  
 cannot guarantee that we will be able to  
 do so.

Notice is hereby given that public  
 meetings in connection with the  
 proposed withdrawal will be held at the  
 Mystic Ranger District, 8221 South Hwy  
 16, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702 on  
 October 27, 2015 at 6 p.m. and at the  
 Sundance Community Center, Basement  
 of the Crook County Courthouse, 309  
 Cleveland St., Sundance, Wyoming  
 82729 on October 28, 2015 at 6 p.m. The  
 USFS will publish a notice of the time  
 and place in a least one newspaper of  
 general circulation no less than 30 days

before the scheduled dates of the  
 meetings.

For a period until September 25,  
 2017, subject to valid existing rights, the  
 lands will be segregated from location  
 and entry under the United States  
 mining laws, unless the application is  
 denied or canceled or the withdrawal is  
 approved prior to that date. The lands  
 will remain open to other uses within  
 the statutory authority pertinent to  
 National Forest lands and subject to  
 discretionary approval.

The application will be processed in  
 accordance with the regulations set  
 forth in 43 CFR 2310.

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 Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Great Basin Region Greater Sage- Grouse Sub-Regions of Idaho and Southwestern Montana; Nevada and Northeastern California; Oregon; and Utah

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
 Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land  
 Management (BLM) announces the  
 availability of the Record of Decision  
 (ROD) and Approved Resource  
 Management Plan Amendments  
 (ARMPAs) for the Great Basin Region  
 Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG) sub-regions  
 of Idaho and Southwestern Montana,  
 Nevada and Northeastern California,  
 Oregon, and Utah. The Assistant  
 Secretary for Land and Minerals  
 Management of the U.S. Department of  
 the Interior signed the ROD.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD and  
 ARMPAs are available upon request and  
 are also available for public inspection  
 at the addresses listed in the  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.  
 Interested persons may also review the  
 ROD and ARMPAs on the internet at  
[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/  
 more/sagegrouse.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/sagegrouse.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For  
 the Idaho and Southwestern Montana  
 GRSG ARMPA:* Jonathan Beck, BLM  
 Idaho State Office GRSG Planning Lead,