



# News Release

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**CLEAR/ CRAZY DESIGNATED MOTORIZED TRAIL SYSTEM  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT**

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The Powder River Ranger District has the Environmental Assessment for the Designated Off Road Vehicle Trail System in the Clear Creek and Crazy Woman Creek drainages west of Buffalo, WY available for comment. The area covered by the project is located 15 miles southwest of Buffalo, WY, and is further defined as east of the hydrologic divide of the Big Horn Mountains and south of South Clear Creek, Johnson County, WY with the project area entirely within the Bighorn National Forest. The proposed action, alternatives to the proposed action, and the environmental consequences are described in EA.

The Designated Motorized Trail System Project would provide an Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail system on more than 88,000 acres of the Powder River Ranger District but would close the area to cross-country motorized travel. This project is necessary due to increasing occurrences of unauthorized roads and resource concerns associated with them, and to still provide for motorized recreation opportunities. Over 190 miles of open roads and motorized trails would be designated for ORV use. One half mile of permanent new road construction would occur in the Sourdough drainage. The decision also includes decommissioning 10 miles of Forest Roads, converting 3 miles of Forest Roads to non-motorized trail, designating 14 miles of ORV trail and 16 miles of non-motorized trails and decommissioning a minimum of 50 miles of unauthorized user created ORV routes.

36 CFR 215 appeal regulations dated June 4, 2003 apply to this project. Comments on the proposed action will be accepted for 30 days following the publication of the legal notice in the Casper Star Tribune. Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants. Jon Warder, Acting District Ranger, is the Responsible Official for this project.

Comments should include:

1. Name and address of commenter.
2. Title of the proposed action.
3. Specific substantive comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision.
4. For appeal eligibility each individual or representative from each organization submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request (see 36 CFR 215 for details).



The Clear/Crazy Designated Motorized Trail System Environmental Assessment (E A) is available on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn>. Copies of the EA are also available for review at the Powder River Ranger District office in Buffalo, WY, or upon request. Send comments to: Craig Cope, Team Leader, 307-684-7806, 1415 Fort Street, Buffalo, WY 82834. Electronic mail comments may be submitted to [mailroom\\_r2\\_bighorn@fs.fed.us](mailto:mailroom_r2_bighorn@fs.fed.us) with "Clear/Crazy Designated Motorized Trail System Project, Attn: Craig Cope" in the subject line. Hand delivered comments may be submitted to the office listed above Monday - Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the EA, contact Craig Cope, Team Leader, at the above address or phone number.

A tour of the project area is scheduled for June 5. Any interested public is invited to meet at the Powder River Ranger District office at 1415 Fort Street, Buffalo, WY at 9 AM. Anyone planning on participating should come prepared for a day in the field with adequate transportation, clothing, food and water. This will be a driving tour with stops in various locations to discuss details of the proposed action. Please RSVP to Craig Cope if you plan on attending.