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Dear friends of the Bearlodge:

As Bearlodge District Ranger, I have made a decision to implement the Bearlodge Trucktrail Fuelbreak Construction Project. This project involves the construction of a fuelbreak along Forest Road #830 in the central Bear Lodge Mountains. The fuelbreak varies in width from 80 to over 800 feet wide and extends approximately 13.5 miles beginning north of Warren Peak and continuing northeast to the forest boundary near Merrick Spring.

Objectives of the project are to provide defensible space for firefighters and strategic control points for fire suppression operations in the event of a wildfire ignition in the central Bear Lodge Mountains. The project will reduce the amount and continuity of hazardous fuels within the fuelbreak, which will ultimately reduce the risk of catastrophic fire on public and private lands within and adjacent to the forest.

Thank you very much for taking the time to comment on this project. Enclosed is the Decision Memo describing the project and rationale for my decision. Also, enclosed are the responses to comments received on the proposal. We plan to begin work on this project as soon as possible this winter.

If you have questions or concerns, contact me or Brad Harris, project team leader, at 307-283-1361.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozel
Bearlodge District Ranger

enclosures: Trucktrail decision memo
responses to comments

