

**APPENDIX A
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Mystic Range Public Involvement

During project development and analysis period, collaboration efforts were made to involve, interact and cooperate with individuals and groups interested in the Mystic Range Project. Part of this effort included public scoping as discussed below.

Scoping is the process of obtaining public comments about proposed Federal actions to help determine the breadth of issues to be addressed by project actions. The Mystic Range Project was entered into the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) in February 2009. A scoping letter soliciting comments on the proposed action, potential concerns, and opportunities for managing the Mystic Range Project was mailed to approximately 91 members of the public, American Indian Tribes, other public agencies, range permittees, organizations, and Forest Service specialists on June 5, 2009. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on Friday, June 12, 2009. The Notice of Intent and Scoping letter were also made available on the Black Hills National Forest website in June 2009.

A meeting was scheduled with each permittee, to ensure that they understood the NEPA process and the proposed action.

The public scoping period for this project ended on July 13, 2009. Comments were received in writing via regular mail, email, telephone, facsimile, and personal contact.

Below is a list of respondents and associated comment number(s) regarding the Mystic Range Project. Comments and agency responses are summarized in the Scoping database held in the Project File.

Comment Number / Name

001.001 Rosebud Sioux Tribe
002.001 Northern Cheyenne Tribe
003.001-003.004 Jean Public
004.001-004.003 Scherrer
005.001 South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks - Trails
006.001 Santee Sioux Nation
007.001 Stewart
008.001 Newland
009.001 Brewer
010.001-010.016 Biodiversity Conservation Association
011.001-011.025 Norbeck Society
012.001-012.016 O'Meara

Comment Number / Name

013.001-013.003 Olson
014.001-014.012 Environmental Protection Agency
015.001-015.025 Western Watersheds
016.001-016.010 Sierra Club
017.001-017.005 Rennard
018.001-018.028 South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
019.001-019.002 Pennington County Highway Department
020.001-020.016 Porcupine Holistic Resource Management Team
021.001 Black Hills Sportsmen's Club

Mystic Range Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement Distribution List

Congressional:

Senator Tim Johnson
Senator John Thune
Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin

Native American Tribes:

Tribal Chairman	Yankton Sioux Tribe
Tribal Chairman	Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Northern Cheyenne Tribe
President	Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Tribal Chairman	Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe
Cultural Preservation Office	Three Affiliated Tribes
Tribal Chairman	Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
Tribal Chairman	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Tribal Chairman	Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Tribes
Tribal Chairman	Eastern Shoshone Tribe
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Oglala Sioux Tribe
Tribal Chairman	Northern Arapaho Business Council
Tribal Chairman	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Cultural Resource Office	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
	Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe
Tribal Chairman	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
	Grey Eagle Society
President	Northern Cheyenne Tribe
President	Oglala Sioux Tribe
Tribal Chairman	Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes Of Oklahoma
Tribal Chairman	Santee Sioux Nation
	Kiowa Ethnographic Endeavor For Preservation
Tribal Chairwoman	Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe
Cultural & Heritage Program	Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes Of Oklahoma
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council Office
Tribal Planner/Director	Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Northern Arapaho Tribe

Federal, State, Local, and County Agencies:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII EIS Review Coordinator
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks
Bureau of Land Management – South Dakota Field Office
South Dakota State Historic Preservation Center
South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
South Dakota Department of Transportation

Governor Office – Governor Mike Rounds
Pennington County Commissioners
Rapid City Public Library
Pennington County Highway Department
Planning and Review Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
USDA APHIS PPD/EAD
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDA National Agricultural Library Head, Acquisitions and Serials Branch
NOAA Office of Policy and Strategic Planning
US Army Engr. Northwestern Division
USDI Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
FAA Great Lakes Region
Federal Highway Administration
US Dept. of Energy, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance

General Public and Groups not listed above:

Scoping letters were mailed to the permittees of the eight allotments under review.

Also, other groups or individuals who are known to have or may have interest in management of the National Forest (and specifically this project area) were included on a mailing list and contacted with a scoping letter. The mailing list is held in the Mystic Range Project File.

A concerted effort was made to engage in consultation regarding the project with Tribal contacts known to have interest in management of the National Forest.