

**APPENDIX A
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
AND
COLLABORATION**

Mountain Pine Beetle Response Project Public Involvement and Collaboration

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

Scoping is the process of obtaining public comments about proposed federal actions to determine the breadth of issues to be addressed. Comments on the proposed action, potential concerns, and opportunities for managing the MPBR Project Area were solicited from members of the public, American Indian Tribes, other public agencies, adjacent property owners, organizations, and Forest Service specialists.

A scoping letter was mailed to approximately 333 potentially interested parties, including adjacent landowners, Tribes, and State and local governments, beginning on August 2, 2011. This letter included a description of the project area, an overview of the NEPA process, a general explanation of the actions proposed and the reasons for the proposal, and an invitation to comment. Three public meetings were held to explain the proposal to the public, and to take comment. A total of 268 members of the public attended these meetings, which were held in Sundance, WY; Hill City, SD; and Spearfish, SD.

The project was entered into the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) in June 2010. SOPA contains a list of Forest Service proposed actions that will soon begin or are undergoing environmental analysis and documentation. It provides information so the public can become aware of and indicate interest on specific proposals (located on-line at www.fs.fed.us/sopa).

The Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on Monday, August 8, 2011. This provided official notification that the public comment period for the MPBR Project Area would last for 30-days concluding September 7, 2011. A corrected NOI was published in the *Federal Register* on Thursday, February 23, 2012 to update the Deciding Official determinations.

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

ID Comment Number / Name

- 0 SD Dept of Game, Fish & Parks, Percy Shannon
- 1 Nicholas, Donavon
- 2 Fort Meade VA Medical Center
- 3 The Honorable Craig Tieszen, SD State Senate
- 4 Ayer, Harry

ID Comment Number / Name

- 5 Spearfish Canyon Society
- 6 Crook County Land Use Planning & Zoning Comm
- 7 Lehnert, John
- 8 Dedic, Jeremy
- 9 Goodson, Desiree

ID Comment Number / Name

10 Wonderland Cave
11 Jensen, Karl
12 Weston County Weed & Pest Control
13 Weston County Commissioners
14 Uram, Iza
15 Ibeling, Dan
16 Rice, Mary
17 Hanson, Kristi
18 Zaremba, Karyn
19 Englert, Mike
20 Kellogg, Druse
21 Lea, Carey
22 Weston County Commission, Marty Ertman
23 Watt, Jeffery
24 Stern, Billy
25 Hood, Mary
26 Wilson, Tim
27 Jones, Tony
28 Stewart, Dave
29 Slotnick, Lauryn
30 Lee, Linda
31 Marshall, Gwen
32 Fischer, Joel
33 Fay, Susan
34 Laird, Campbell
35 Riley, Kelly
36 Philips, Charles
37 Doyal, John
38 Schneller, Paul
39 Wulf, Christina
40 Scherubel, Rich and Marsha
41 Redoutey, Karolyn
42 Mayor of Custer City
43 Black Hills RC&D
44 Parana, John W.

ID Comment Number / Name

45 Bureau of Land Management, Outdoor Recreation Planner
46 Little, Ryan
47 Larock, Noel
48 Westerman-Jones, Carol
49 Lang, Corina
50 Winters, Kaleb
51 Maudlin, Dave
52 Scherrer, Jim
53 Fridell, Hank
54 Mills Family Partnership, LLD
55 Blessing, Ron and Bev
56 Bureau of Land Management, Planner/Environmental Coord
57 Giese, Mark M.
58 Evans, Dinda
59 Bitterman, Ron and Karen
60 Friends of the Norbeck
61 Katus, Jean
62 Burkhart, Beth
63 Greene, Terri
64 Stern, Billy
65 Riley, Kelly
66 Ash, Paul
67 Spence, N.
68 Powell, D.S.
69 Ammon, J.
70 Frank, Thomas D.
71 Bradley, Celia
72 Carr, Bonnie
73 Edwards, Norm
74 Pearson, Bill
75 Schipke, Paul
76 Watson, Jayna
77 Hauge, John
78 Contonis, Dan

ID Comment Number / Name

79 Global Leadership Interlink
80 Henry, Sharon
81 Scholten, Laura
82 Lindgren, Doug
83 Bertuccio, Lucille
84 Brister, Bob
85 Rapid City Fire Department, Lt. Tim Weaver
86 Black, Bob
87 NRCS, Rapid City Service Center
88 Strong, Jerry and Elizabeth
89 Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Director
90 Brondos, Patrick
91 WY Game & Fish Department, Deputy Director
92 Wanstedt, Jack and Barb
93 LaPoint, Peggy
94 WY State Forestry Division, Asst. State Forester
95 McGruder, Randall
96 Norbeck Society, Inc.
97 Sebade, Brian
98 Crook County Advisory Board
99 South Dakota Wild Grassland Coalition
100 Dias, Gregory and Patricia
101 Neiman Timber Company, Resource Manager
102 Pochop, Jon
103 McFarling, Bill
104 Crook County Board of Commissioners, J.W. Hadley
105 Mott, Steve
106 Mesling, Chena
107 Weston County Natural Resources District
108 SD Depts. of Ag. and Game, Fish & Parks, Walt Bones

ID Comment Number / Name

109 Diers, Cleon E.
110 Hoff, Doug
111 Batt, John E.
112 Garrett, Roger
113 Romkema, Fred W.
114 Spearfish Canyon Owners Association
115 Larson, P. Rene
116 O'Meara, Molly
117 Loffer, Bill
118 Spearfish Forest Products, Forester, Derek Larsen
119 Millard, Tanner
120 Zimmerman, Mary
121 Neiman Timber Company, Certified Forester, Bill Coburn
122 Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
123 Norman, Gene
124 Neiman Timber Company, Forester, Josh Van Vlack
125 Biodiversity Conservation Alliance
126 Crook County Natural Resource District
127 Spearfish Forest Products, Certified Forester, Paul Pierson
128 Black Hills Forest Resource Association
129 Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce
130 Brenneisen, Dave
131 Prairie Hills Audubon Society
132 Jennings, Eric
133 The "Save Our Black Hills" Coalition
134 Running, Raymond & Barbara
135 Hughes, James
136 Kellogg, Druse
137 Kellogg, Larry
138 Garvey, Lydia
139 Moline, Suzette
140 Pennington County Weed & Pest

ID Comment Number / Name

141 Aaker, Dan
 142 Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce
 143 Hoff, Glen
 144 Johnson, Al
 145 Wyoming State Forestry Division
 146 French, T.J. and Anne T.
 147 Jeffery, Wayne & Joanne
 148 Tyrrell, Michael S. and Sonja
 149 Jennings, Eric
 150 Grossenburg, Patsy
 151 Rapid City Chamber of Commerce
 152 Rapid City Fire Department
 153 Black Hills Land Analysis
 154 Prudential Kahler Realtors, Pattie Parrett
 155 Rossi, Raymond F.
 156 Crago Family Trust
 157 Hayenga, Cal & Mary
 158 US DOI, NPS, Michael T. Reynolds
 159 Colorado State Univ, Libraries, Documents Processor

ID Comment Number / Name

160 Rapid City Morning Optimist Club
 161 Nicolai, Mark
 162 Sandau, Alianne
 163 Heying, William & Barbara
 164 Seeley, Leonard
 165 Shepperson, Jerry
 166 Bruce, Tom
 167 Henry, P.
 168 Henegar, Darcie
 169 WY Game & Fish Dept, Habitat Protection Coord.
 170 Rapid City Fire Department
 171 SD Depts. of Ag and Game, Fish & Parks, Jeff Vonk
 172 SD Depts. of Ag and Game, Fish & Parks, Shelly Deisch
 173 SD Depts. of Ag and Game, Fish & Parks, Debra Ascher
 174 Spearfish Canyon Society
 175 Artley, Dick
 176 John Muir Project

Mountain Pine Beetle Response Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement Distribution List

Congressional:

Senator Tim Johnson
 Senator John Thune
 Congresswoman Kristi Noem

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
 South Dakota Division of Forestry
 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:

A mailing list of property/land owners was generated for the project area by obtaining names and addresses from property tax roles in the seven counties. The databases were queried for land/property owners within or near the project area.

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 MPBR Project File.

Some key interest groups consulted with and/or involved in the planning process were the South Dakota Department of Agriculture - Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry and Division of Wildlife Fire Suppression, Conservation Leaders, Chamber of Commerce for Rapid City and County Supervisors for Pennington and Lawrence Counties, Rapid City Optimist Club and the National Forest Advisory Board. 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. Tribal authorities have been invited to participate in the development of a programmatic agreement for this project.