

clinics are the point of service for program participants.

Research has shown that there is no better food than breast milk for a baby's first year of life. Breastfeeding provides many health, nutritional, economic, and emotional benefits to both mother and baby. As a major goal of the WIC Program is to improve the nutritional status of infants, WIC mothers are encouraged to breastfeed their infants. In addition to increasing incentives for exclusive breastfeeding by providing fully breastfeeding mothers and infants with the most comprehensive food packages, the WIC program promotes breastfeeding through State and local agency policies and practices. These are designed to inform expectant and new mothers of the well-documented benefits of breastfeeding and, for those mothers that choose to breastfeed, to provide peer counseling and continued support through the infant's first year. This collection notice is for the WIC Breastfeeding Policy Inventory, which is being funded by FNS with the objective of assessing the types and diversity of policies and practices offered by local and State WIC agencies and their associations with agency-level breastfeeding outcomes.

To meet this study objective, FNS will collect data using a self-administered, Web-based survey of all State and local WIC agencies: 90 State agencies (including those of territories and ITOs) and 2,000 local WIC agencies. The survey will obtain a census of (1) all measures of breastfeeding that State and local WIC agencies currently collect, including their definitions and methods of collection, as well as the most recent values of those measures; (2) the data systems agencies use to store and process breastfeeding data and the types of information they report to other agencies or external organizations; and (3) breastfeeding policies and practices at State and local WIC agencies. The end products will give a comprehensive description of breastfeeding statistics, policies, and practices at the local and State WIC agency levels and demonstrate how breastfeeding outcomes (including initiation, duration, exclusivity, and intensity of breastfeeding), as well as policies and practices to promote breastfeeding, could be tracked over time on the local, State, and National levels.

Affected Public: Respondents will consist of WIC agency staff. Typically, the web-based survey will be completed by a single staff member, although

multiple respondents may be used at some agencies. The amount of time to complete the survey, whether by one or more agency staff, is about the same. At both the State and local WIC agency levels, respondents are likely to be agency directors, breastfeeding coordinators, database managers, or staff members with equivalent titles.

Estimated Number of Respondents: The study will collect data from a total of 2,090 agencies which includes 90 State WIC agencies and 2,000 local WIC agencies.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: The instrument will be administered once per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 2,090.

Estimated Time per Respondent: For the Web-based survey, the burden estimate is 75 minutes for local WIC agency staff and 75 minutes for State WIC agency staff and is inclusive of the respondents' time to prepare for and complete the survey. For all persons who decline to participate in the survey, the burden estimate is 0.05 hours (3 minutes) and includes the respondents' time to read a letter.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,111 hours.

Respondent type	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Estimated total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
State WIC Agency Staff Member (Complete)	72	1	72	1.25	90
State WIC Agency Staff Member (Attempted)	18	1	18	0.05	1
Local WIC Agency Staff Member (Complete)	1,600	1	1,600	1.25	2000
Local WIC Agency Staff Member (Attempted)	400	1	400	0.05	20
Total Respondent Burden	2,090	2,090	2,111

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Audrey Rowe,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, Campbell County, WY; Mackey Road Relocation

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service proposes to authorize Peabody Powder River Mining, LLC to vacate and relocate

portions of Campbell County Road 69, Mackey Road, onto National Forest System (NFS) land on Thunder Basin National Grassland. The proposal comprises new construction of approximately 6.56 miles on NFS lands in portions of Sections 6-8, 17, and 21-22 of T. 42 N., R. 69 W. and Sections 29-31 of T. 43 N., R. 69 W., 6th Principal Meridian, Campbell County, Wyoming.

DATES: Comments concerning the project or the scope of the planned environmental analysis must be received by January 17, 2012. The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) is expected to be available by January 2012, and the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) is expected to be completed by April 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Richard A. Cooksey, Deputy Forest

Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, 2250 East Richards Street, Douglas, Wyoming 82633, or email comments to *comments-rm-mbr-douglas-thunder-basin@fs.fed.us*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Rose, Solid Minerals Project Manager, Douglas Ranger District, 2250 East Richards St, Douglas, WY 82633, (307) 358-4690.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal coal lessee (WYW-179011, WYW-0321779, WYW-172413, WYW172414, and WYW151134), Peabody Powder River Mining, LLC (PPRM), filed with

the USDA Forest Service a request for authorization to vacate and relocate portions of Mackey (CR 69) and temporary Reno (CR 83) county roads onto NFS lands on March 22, 2011. Vacated road segments will be mined through and subsequently reclaimed.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of this action is to relocate the affected segments of Mackey and Reno roads outside of the mining area so that the underlying coal can be mined and to prevent interrupted road services.

Proposed Action

The Forest Service proposes to authorize PPRM to construct 6.56 miles of new road on NFS lands. Of the 6.56 miles, 1.25 miles coincides with an existing Forest Service Road—School Creek Road—that will be reconstructed. The environmental analysis will include approximately 250 acres of NFS lands. Road specifications will conform to or exceed current county road standards. Upon completion of the road construction, the final easement would be acquired by Campbell County, and this road will be maintained and operated as part of the county road system. PPRM has initiated formal discussion with Campbell County regarding the relocation, and public hearings were held by the County in November 2010.

Responsible Official

Richard Cooksey, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070 is the Official responsible for making the decision on this action.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will consider the results of the analysis and then document the final decision in a Record of Decision (ROD). The decision will include a determination on whether or not to authorize the Mackey Road Relocation to occur in the above described lands as proposed by the applicant (PPRM), or to allow an alternative to the proposed action.

Preliminary Issues

The Forest Service has identified the following preliminary issues related to the proposed action: (1) Potential impacts to wildlife in the proposed project area; (2) potential impacts to the watershed; (3) potential impacts to cultural and paleontological resources; (4) potential impacts to adjacent private lands; and (5) potential impacts to

livestock grazing permits on the National Grassland.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates this phase of the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. Prior to this notice, the Forest Service published a Legal Notice in the *Laramie Boomerang* on May 1, 2011 initiating a 30-day formal comment period. Scoping notices were also mailed to Federal, state, and local government agencies, conservation groups, and individuals who could be impacted by the project.

A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) will be prepared for comment. The comment period on the DEIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. This notice is to inform the public of the proposed action and invite the public to participate by providing any comments or information they may have concerning the proposal. This information will be used to identify important issues and determine the extent of the analysis necessary to make an informed decision on the proposal. Such issues will assist in the formulation of additional alternatives and the development of mitigation measures necessary to reduce impacts.

In addition to this notice, the scoping process included the distribution of letters to interested parties requesting comments on the proposed action, and a public notice was published in area media.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however.

Dated: December 9, 2011.

Misty A. Hays,

Deputy District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Dairyland Power Cooperative: CapX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Hearings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR 1794 related to providing financial assistance to Dairyland Power Cooperative (Dairyland) for its share in the construction of a proposed 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated infrastructure between Hampton, Minnesota and the La Crosse area in Wisconsin (the proposed project). Dairyland is participating in the proposed project with a number of other utilities (Applicants).

The purpose of the proposed project is to: (1) Improve community reliability of the transmission system in Rochester, Winona, La Crosse, and the surrounding areas, which include areas served by Dairyland; (2) improve the regional reliability of the transmission system; and (3) increase generation outlet capacity.

DATES: Written comments on this Draft EIS will be accepted 45 days following the publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notice of receipt of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**.

RUS will conduct five public meetings in an open-house format followed by a discussion period: January 9, 2012, Alma High School Gym, S1618 State Rd 35, Alma, Wisconsin; January 10, 2012, Wanamingo Community Center, 401 Main Street, Wanamingo, Minnesota; January 11, 2012, Cannon Falls High School Cafeteria, 820 Minnesota St. E, Cannon Falls, Minnesota; January 12, 2012, American Legion Hall, 215 3rd Street SW., Plainview, Minnesota; and January 13, 2012, Centerville/Town of Trempealeau Community Center, W24854 State Road 54/93, Galesville, Wisconsin.

All meetings will be held as follows: open house from 5:00 to 6 p.m. followed by the discussion period from 6:00 to 8 p.m. local time. A court reporter will be available.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Draft EIS may be viewed online at the following Web