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Ideas wanted about the future of motorized travel in the Black Hills

Custer, SD – The Forest Service will be looking for ideas about the future of motorized travel in the Black Hills at a series of workshops to be held during November in South Dakota and Wyoming.

The workshops will help shape the future of off-highway vehicle (OHV) use in the Black Hills National Forest.

Meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

- Custer, South Dakota: Monday, November 13, 2006 at 6 p.m., located at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office, Conference Room, 1019 North 5th Street.
- **Sundance, Wyoming:** Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., located at the Crook County Courthouse, 309 Cleveland Street.
- **Spearfish, South Dakota:** Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., located at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, Cedar Room, I-90 at Exit 14.
- Rapid City, South Dakota: Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., located at the Ramkota Hotel, Pactola Room, 2111 North LaCrosse Street.

The public is asked to consider and submit answers to the following questions before the meetings:

In your opinion:

- 1. What does this forest offer in terms of outstanding travelway opportunities and experiences?
- 2. In what ways are you satisfied with the forest's travelways and why?
- 3. What is the role of the community in helping to provide a quality travelway system?
- 4. What do you want to be sure is part of our travelways in the future?

Send your replies to the following address by October 27, 2006, preferably by e-mail: mdebelak@fs.fed.us or Michelle Debelak, USDA Forest Service-Recreation, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623.

Anyone who has an interest in or concerns about motorized use and how travel is managed is encouraged attend one of the workshops.

Information about the upcoming public workshops may be obtained by contacting Tom Willems, Travel Management Planner, at (605) 673-9200.

Information about Black Hills National Forest Travel Management can be found on the Forest website at

http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills/recreation/travel_management/ohv.shtml and electronic copies of current Forest travel information maps can be found at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills/maps/