

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board Public Meeting Dates Announced

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Meetings

SUMMARY: The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) has announced its meeting dates for 2008. These meetings are open to the public, and public comment is accepted at any time in writing and at the pleasure of the Board chair at each meeting for verbal comments. Persons wishing to speak may be given three minutes to address the Board.

Meeting dates are the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated:

January 3

February 20

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

July (No Meeting)

August 20 (Summer Field Trip - TBA)

September 17

October 15

November 19

December (No Meeting)

January 6, 2009 (Tentative)

ADDRESS: Meetings will be begin at 1 PM and end no later than 5 PM at the Forest Service Center, 8221 S. Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57702.

AGENDAS: The Board will consider a variety of issues related to national forest management. Agendas will be announced in advance in the news media but principally concern implementing phase two of the forest land and resource management plan. The Board will consider such topics as integrated vegetation management (wild and prescribed fire, fuels reduction, controlling insect epidemics, invasive species), travel management (off highway vehicles, the new OHV rule, and related topics), and forest fragmentation, among others.

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