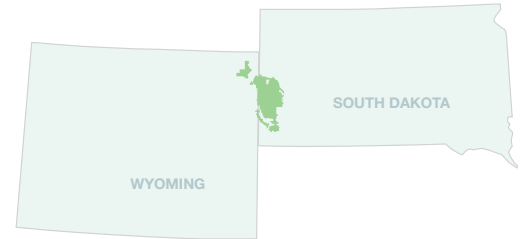


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Harney Peak Lookout



Current Issues

Travel Planning

The forest has been working with stakeholders for five years in order to designate routes for motorized travel. The draft environmental impact statement (EIS) will be released in February 2009 and a decision is planned for late 2009.

Healthy Watersheds and Living Forests and Grasslands

The Black Hills is entering the tenth year of a severe insect attack with six years of large hot fires in between. The forest continues to proactively thin and use prescribed fire to maintain forest health, reduce crown fire and watershed risks, and increase wildlife habitat diversity.

Open Space

The Black Hills National Forest contains 300,000 acres of private land inholdings. The forest works with other governments and stakeholders to conserve open spaces.

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Forest Size	Total land area is 1,534,164 acres, with 1,331,869 acres in South Dakota and 202,295 acres in Wyoming.
Number of Employees - Permanent	268
Number of Employees - Seasonal	248
Average Annual Budget	\$23,230,000
Elevations	Lowest - 3,040 feet above sea level Highest - 7,242 feet above sea level
Wilderness Areas	Black Elk
Wild and Scenic Rivers	None
National Scenic or Historic Trails	National Centennial Trail
National Recreation Areas	None
Scenic Byways	Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway
Outfitter Guides	47 outfitter guides
Grazing	129 active allotments on 1,247,687 acres 274 term grazing permits
Forest Management and Timber	Timber Volume Sold in fiscal year 2008 – 254,294 ccf Forest Vegetation Improved in fiscal year 2008 – 14,486 acres
Hazardous Fuels Reduction Treatments	80,020 acres in fiscal year 20088
Unique Features or Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name "Black Hills" is derived from the Lakota words "paha sapa," meaning "hills that are black." • Harney Peak (7,242 feet above sea level) is the highest point between the Rocky Mountains and the Pyrenees. • The forest offers highly accessible recreation for all ages with easy hiking, horseback riding, driving for pleasure, and riding off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on moderate terrain, as well as outstanding rock climbing opportunities. The area features bike riding on the Mickelson Trail that runs 120 miles north to south in addition to 111 miles of the National Centennial Trail. • The forest is the site of "Case No. 1," the first ever federal government-regulated timber sale that was sold in 1899. • The diverse 16-member Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board provides invaluable advice and counsel to the forest on a wide range of issues.
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