

Red Lodge

Beartooth Ranger District News Release



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Forest Service Seeking Comments on Red Lodge Mountain Easement Exchange

Red Lodge, MT... The Forest Service is asking for public comment on an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed easement for Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area Road (FS Road #21479). AG/JMA Red Lodge Realty Holdings, LLC (AG/JMA) has asked the Forest Service to consider exchanging easements on portions of Red Lodge Ski Area Road located in the Red Lodge Mountain area of the Custer National Forest. AG/JMA and the Forest Service have entered into a non-binding "Reciprocal Access Agreement" that this proposed exchange is based on.

As part of the proposal, AG/JMA would finance the reconstruction of approximately 1.5 miles of the Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area Road, which extends across intermingled National Forest System and AG/JMA lands. This reconstruction would start at the existing parking lot at the base of the ski area and extend to AG/JMA lands located in Section 26. Reconstruction would improve alignment, reduce steep grades, and meet Carbon County road standards.

Public comments, whether mailed, emailed, or faxed, must be received or postmarked by July 13, 2010. Please address comments to Traute Parrie, District Ranger - Beartooth Ranger District, 6811 Hwy 212, Red Lodge, MT, 59068. Email comments to comments-northern-custer-beartooth@fs.fed.us and include "Red Lodge Mountain" in the subject line. Comments can also be submitted by fax to 406-446-3918.

For more information, please contact the Beartooth Ranger District at 406-446-2103 or visit us online at www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer.

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