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What: Public meetings/hearings

on the TransWest Express Transmission Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Why: To provide information about the EIS process for the transmission line, impacts to resources, and potential land use plan amendments and gather comments on Draft EIS content during the 90-day public comment period.

Who: Held by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Western Area Power Administration, joint lead agencies for preparing the EIS. TransWest Express LLC will also be present to provide technical information.

When: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m at the following locations:

Wed., Aug. 14, 2013 Jeffrey Center 315 W. Pine St. Rawlins, WY Thur., Aug. 15, 2013 Valley Community Ctr. 255 W. Osborne St. Baggs, WY

Fri, Aug. 16, 2013 Colorado NW Community College 2801 W. 9th St., Craig, CO

Rawlins

Baggs

Craig

The 90-day public comment period ends September 30, 2013.

Copies of the Draft EIS can be found at the BLM's project website at http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hdd/transwest.html.

For more information on the project, please visit www.transwestexpress.net.

IN BRIEF: WYOMING

Vandals cause \$100,000 in damages to restrooms

WORLAND – Worland Parks and Rec Supervisor Mark Osbon arrived at Newell Sargent Park early Monday morning and immediately recognized the damage that had been done.

Vandals managed to deface all four outside walls of the \$100,000 bathroom remodel at the baseball park some time after midnight, using several shades of spray paint to create visually offensive drawings,

Several of Osbon's summer crew had the building repainted by mid-day, applying primer and three coats of white paint to cover the damage.

Bear activity closes Bighorn campground

LOVELL — The National Park Service announced late Friday that bear activity has closed a popular campground at the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area east of Lovell.

Bighorn Canyon's boat-in only Campground, Black Canyon, was closed due to bears in the area until further notice.

The National Park Service reminds recreationists to store food and trash in designated

bear boxes and trash cans while in bear territory.

In a press release, the service said that feeding wildlife can bring trouble for both animals and humans.

"Not only is it giving them improper nutrition, but it habituates them, making them less fearful and more daring to raid campsites."

Laramie police investigate string of break-ins

LARAMIE — Laramie police are looking for a Hispanic male possibly responsible for more than a dozen burglaries, unlawful entries and attempted thefts in the early morning hours of July 24.

The suspect — described in a press release as a Hispanic male approximately 5 feet nine inches, 170 pounds with an average build, "scraggly" facial hair and a buzz cut - is wanted in connection with the theft of a brown 2007 GMC Sierra pickup bearing Wyoming plate number 5-3855.

The theft was one of more than a dozen reports Laramie police responded including six auto burglaries, four residential burglaries, an attempted entry into a residence and an attempted theft of a four-wheeler.

Road closures on the way for Medicine Bow National Forest

LARAMIE — Multiple temporary road closures will be going into effect soon on the Medicine Bow National Forest

- Beginning IMMEDIATELY, Forest Road 543 on the Laramie Ranger District will be closed weekdays through Dec. 1 for roadside hazard tree removal. This is the section of the Douglas Creek Road to the west of Rob Roy Reservoir, from Keystone north to the 500 Road. No operations will occur on weekends or on special holidays. Alternate routes during the weekly closures include the 511, 500, 542 or 512 roads.
- The Jack Creek Road, or Forest Road 452, will be closed through Aug. 9 so crews can replace an existing culvert with a bottomless arch. The 452 road, on the Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District will not be passable at the Nugget Creek crossing during this time period. The road will be closed from the 443 Road junction to the 457 Road junction for the duration of the project.
- Once the Nugget Creek project is completed, Forest Service crews complete the Pelton Creek (898 Road) project. This road will be closed from August 12-

- 24. The project will require the stretch from Forest Road 530, the Spruce Gulch Road, to the Pelton Creek Campground to be closed to vehicles. This is also a culvert replacement project.
- Work to clear hazard trees from the roadside leading into Rob Roy Campground could close the campground for multiple days in early August. Please check with the District office for details, as the exact closure dates will depend on contractor availability.
- Sand Lake Road (Forest Road 101), which has been intermittently closed for the last month due to hazard tree removal, is anticipated to open within the next week or two. North Fork Campground will also open at the same time.

During all of these closures, travelers will encounter trucks exiting and entering nearby roads and highways. Visitors are also reminded to be aware of and avoid heavy equipment operating in the area. Do not enter areas which are posted closed, as they are closed for public safety.

Information may also be found on this website, _HTTP://FS.USDA.GOV/MBR.