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Black Hills National Forest
Northern Hills Ranger District

2014 N Main Street
Spearfish SD 57783
605-642-4622

File Code: 1950

Date: November 3, 2021

Greetings,

The Black Hills National Forest, Northern Hills Ranger District (NHRD), has identified two unclassified roads that are currently being used daily by the landowners whose properties are accessed by the roads. A Federal Land and Policy Management Act Private Road Special Use Authorization will bring the landowners into compliance with our current regulations. Each of these proposals will be evaluated independently; they are included together here in the interest of efficiency.

The landowners using Star View Lane have requested an easement.

The landowners using the unclassified road to reach Lots 110, 112, and 113 of Stratten Lode of M.S. 1652 have requested 20-year Private Road Special Use Permits.

Additional information on these proposals is found in the attached scoping notice and maps.

I am writing to inform you of this proposal and to solicit your comments on it. My preliminary assessment is that this proposal falls within a category of actions listed in regulations at 36 CFR 220.6 that are excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) and that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude use of a categorical exclusion. Specifically, this project falls under 36 CFR 220.6(e)(3), which categorically excludes the "approval, modification, or continuation of special uses that require less than five acres of NFS lands."

Projects of this nature require the issuance of a decision memo but are not subject to objection. While the decision made on the project is final, all comments received on the proposed action will be considered prior to making a decision. To make the best use of any comments, we request that you submit them within 30 days of the date of this letter.

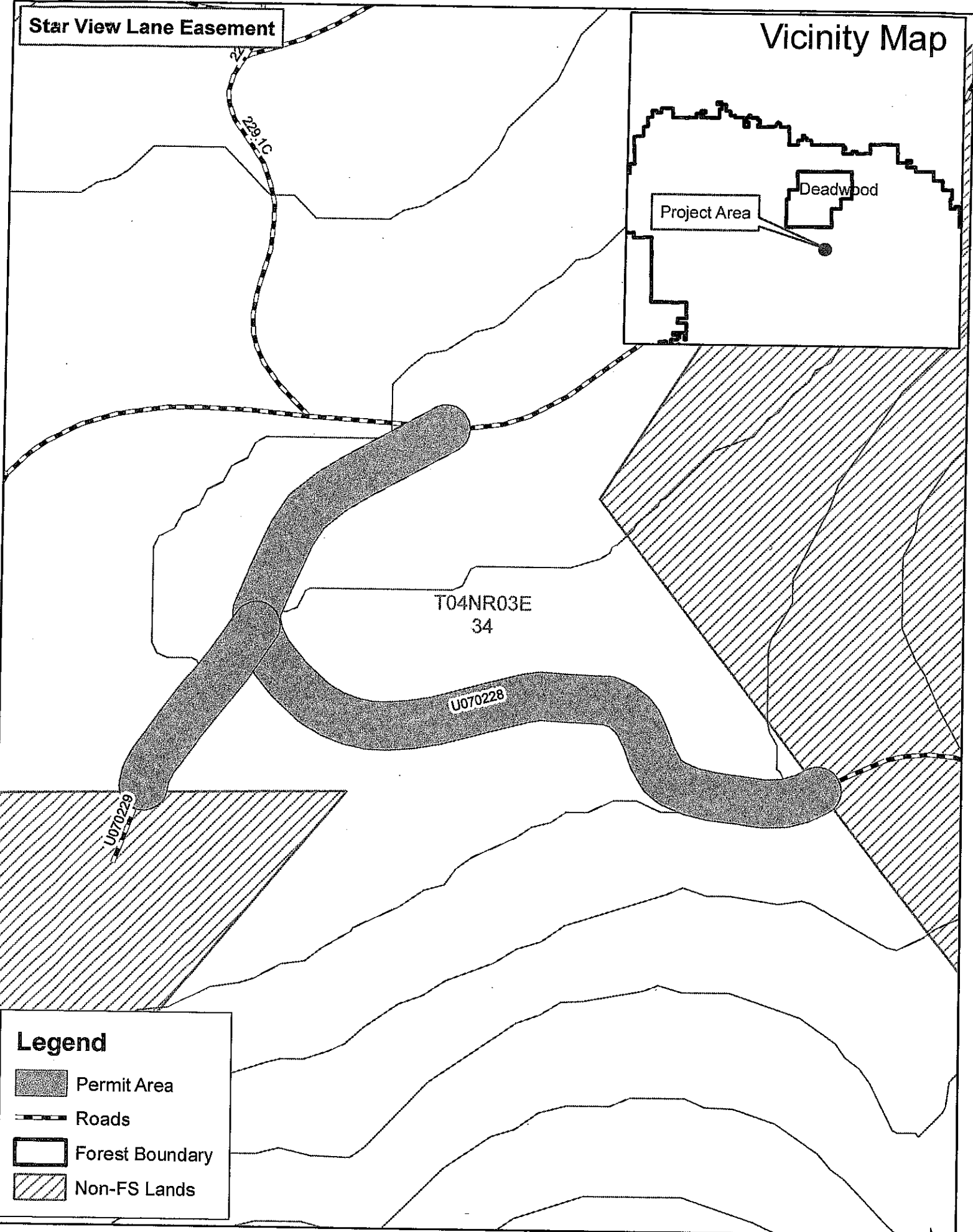
Please submit comments regarding this project to me at 2014 N. Main St., Spearfish, SD 57783. You may also submit comments via e-mail (comments-rocky-mountain-black-hills-northern-hills@fs.fed.us), telephone (605-642-4622), or fax (605-642-4156). I can be reached at the phone number listed above, Monday through Friday, generally between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Mountain time. When submitting comments electronically, please include "Private Roads FLPMA Special Use Authorizations" in the subject line.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Star View Lane Easement

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The Black Hills National Forest, Northern Hills Ranger District (NHRD), is considering two separate proposals, one from Black Hills Energy and one from Black Hills Electric Cooperative, for the installation of utility lines. Each of these proposals will be evaluated independently; they are included together here in the interest of efficiency.

The first proposal is for an underground utility line of 230 feet to replace an existing overhead line. This site is located approximately three miles east-southeast of Lead, SD.

The second proposal is for an overhead utility line of 115 feet. This site is located approximately eleven miles southeast of Lead, SD.

Further details on each of these proposals are found in the included scoping notice and maps.

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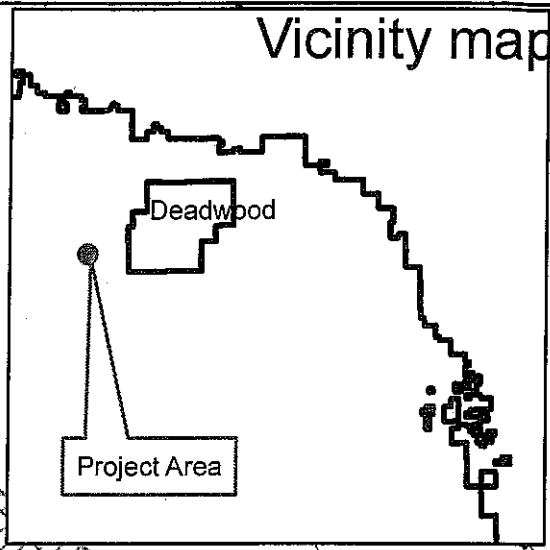
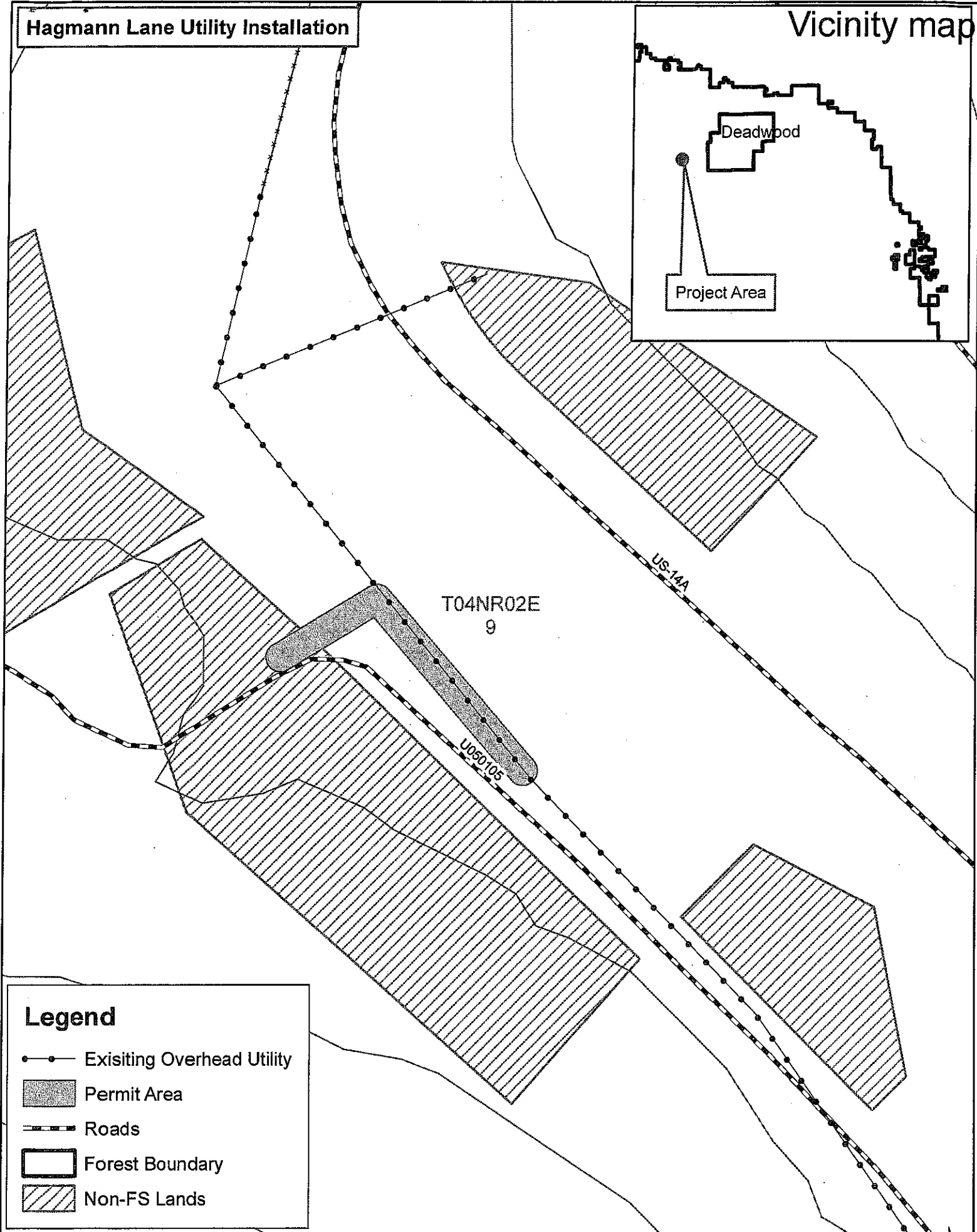
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Thank you for your time and consideration.



Hagmann Lane Utility Installation

Vicinity map



Legend

- Existing Overhead Utility
- Permit Area
- Roads
- Forest Boundary
- Non-FS Lands

