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## Black Hills National Forest / Motorized Trail Program Meeting Invitation - Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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Dear Commissioner Rosenau,

The Black Hills National Forest is inviting you to a critical meeting to discuss motorized recreation across the Black Hills region. Over the past few months, we have been working to engage a diverse group of users, volunteers, community leaders, trail enthusiasts, and public lands advocates on the successes and challenges with Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) throughout the Forest and across other public lands.



Through a series of six collaborative workshops in various gateway communities throughout the Black Hills, we captured over 500 ideas on how to improve the motorized recreation experience and how to mitigate many of the issues with recreationalists, permit holders, and residents who have "backyards" and personal interests near the current trails and heavily used roads. After a thorough review of the comments and ideas, we categorized everything into about 100 areas of similar focus. Working with leaders of the South Dakota ATV / UTV Association, multiple stakeholder groups met over Easter Weekend for an

Implementer's Workshop and developed a list of immediate, medium, and long-term tasks they were willing to be involved in. It was an energetic and robust meeting, which included law enforcement personnel, permit vendors, rental companies, volunteer organizations, and multiple recreation focused clubs.

I am requesting your assistance as we make plans to move forward with many of the potential solutions. Even with best intentions and positive support from our partners and stakeholders, we recognize that outside expertise and government involvement at every level is needed. I am sending this invitation to a special group of government representatives, such as yourself, who bring a wealth of knowledge and visionary thinking to the gathering. During the meeting, you will hear what has been learned through this collaborative effort, but more importantly, you will have an opportunity to present solutions and seek avenues where we can work toward collective success with this important recreational topic for South Dakota.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 1, 2022

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. MDT

**Location:** The Outdoor Campus in Rapid City (4130 Adventure Trail, Rapid City, SD 57702)

**NOTE:** The Black Hills National Forest will provide a small lunch immediately after the meeting for those interested.

Finally, we realize that everyone is busy with other commitments and priorities. We appreciate your consideration with this request and will anxiously await your reply. To plan accordingly, we are hoping for your acceptance by Wednesday, May 25.

Respectfully,



**Jeff Tomac**  
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