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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Mayor and Members of the City Council**

FROM: **Patrick G. Davidson, Interim City Administrator**

RE: **General Information**

DATE: **July 14, 2017**

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **July 15th – July 21st**

Saturday, July 15th

8:30 a.m. NEWY Meeting, Agenda Attached

- City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room

Sunday July 16th – Saturday July 22nd

National High School Finals Rodeo

- Cam-Plex

Tuesday, July 18th

6:00 p.m. City Council Pre-Meeting, Agenda Attached

- Introduction of New Citizen Advisory Board Member
  - Megan Nelms, Gillette Historic Preservation Commission
- Lightning Safety System – David King, CCEMA Coordinator (10 minutes)
- Gurley Overpass Update * – Development Services Director Hamilton
- Gillette Main Street July 11th Parking Debrief * - Jessica Seders, Gillette Main Street Committee
- Review July 18th Agenda
- Executive Session
- City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room
- Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

- City Hall - Council Chambers

1. Attached please find a **letter** regarding **Ending Balance for Campbell County Fire Department** dated **July 12, 2017** provided by the **Campbell County Fire Department**.

2. Attached please find the **City of Gillette Development Summary Second Quarter 2017** provided by **Development Services Director Hamilton**.

3. Attached please find a **letter** regarding **Campbell County Funding** for the **Joint Powers Public Land Board FY2017-18** dated **June 30, 2017** provided by **Commissioner's Chairman Bell**.

4. Attached please find a **letter** regarding **Campbell County Funding** for the **Joint Powers Fire Board FY2017-18** dated **June 30, 2017** provided by **Commissioner's Chairman Bell**.

5. Attached please find a **letter** regarding **Blasting Activity** dated **June 28, 2017** provided by **Thunder Basin Coal, LLC**.

6. Attached please find a **letter** regarding **Cordero Rojo Mine Environmental Assessment** dated **July 6, 2017** provided by the **United States Department of the Interior**.

7. Attached please find a **news update** regarding the **2017 WAM Convention** in **Gillette** dated **July 7, 2017** provided by **BNSF Railway**.

8. Attached please find **information** regarding the **Rockpile Museum Association Annual General Membership Meeting** on **July 18, 2017** at **7:30 p.m.** at the **Rockpile Museum** provided by the **Rockpile Museum Association**.

9. Attached please find a **flyer** regarding **Tim Gard Event** on **August 21, 2017** at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Campbell County Senior Center.**

* Item previously discussed by Council

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NORTHEAST WYOMING MUNICIPAL LEADERS

WAM REGION II

Saturday, July 15, 2017 – 8:00 AM
Location: Gillette City Hall – 201 E. Fifth Street
Facilitated by: Mayor Louise Carter-King

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

II. WARM-UP ITEMS – Maps

III. GUESTS & TOPICS
- Guest: Senator Michael Von Flatern
  - Topic: Rural Air Service

IV. NEW BUSINESS
- Approval of June 2, 2017 Minutes (attached)
- Big Horn Public Affairs Update (attached)
  - Voting Schedule Extended to August 11
- Congressional Tour - August 7 – 11, 2017
  - Balance: $98,583.08
  - Map of Congressional Tour (attached)
  - "Draft" Itinerary (attached)

    Funding Received:
    - Town of Upton – $500 - PAID
    - City of Sundance - $1,500 – PAID
    - Converse County - $8,000 – PAID
    - Johnson County - $5,000 – PAID
    - City of Gillette - $10,000 – PAID
    - Town of Wright - $2,000 – PAID
    - City of Douglas - $5,000 – PAID
    - Town of Rolling Hills - $500 – PAID
    - Town of Pine Haven - $500 – PAID
    - Town of Glenrock – PAID for 2 Years
    - City of Newcastle – $500 – PAID

V. FUTURE NEWY MEETING DATES, GUESTS & AGENDA TOPICS
- Next NEWY Meeting - September 2, 2017 (?)
- Set October Date for NEWY Meeting & WYDOT Director Panos
  - 8:00 – 9:00 AM NEWY Meeting
  - 9:30 – 11:30 AM
    - Topic: WYDOT Updates & WYOLINK

VI. FUTURE EVENT DATES

VII. ADJOURN

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Pre-Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, July 18, 2017
Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.

Pre-Meeting Topic(s):

- Introduction of New Citizen Advisory Board Member
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Campbell County Fire Department

106 Rohan Avenue
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(307) 686-2222
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July 12, 2017

RE: Ending balance for CCFD

I just wanted to give a recap on the ending budget balance and cash balance for Campbell County Fire Department.

You will find several attachments in regard to this letter.

June Budget VS Actual: This report was created at the end of June showing that we have $202,319.13 left in our operating budget. We have $173,602.57 in accounts payable as of today that has not been posted to the Budget until they are approved by the Board. So far, we also have accruals on full time payroll of $26,973.09, we do not have the amount yet for part-time payroll. As of today, this will leave our operating balance at $1,743.47. Again, we do not know if we have all invoices in for June and this does not include accruals that still need to be done.

Cash Balance: When preparing our budget so far in advance we can never be certain that the cash carry over is the correct balance. With that being said, our cash for the end of June is $123,136.73 and June invoices so far are $173,602.57. This will leave us short in cash of -$50,465.84. We still need to request capital and RRT Grant in the amount of $4,032.24. So total short will be -$46,433.60.

The Fire Board meeting is tonight and I will be able to give them these numbers too, to see how they want to go forward. As you can see we do not have any cash left over to pay for the 2016 Cost share fires with the state and BLM.

Any questions please let me know

Thank you

Donna Crippen

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Attached:
June Bank Statement
June Budget vs Actual
Payroll journal entries
June Invoices
State and BLM Invoices

City of Gillette Development Summary

Second Quarter 2017

April 1 – June 30

New Sonic Restaurant – 2309 South Douglas Highway

City of Gillette
Development Services Department
Planning Division
201 East 5th Street
Gillette, WY 82717

307-686-5281
www.gillettewy.gov
cityplan@gillettewy.gov

The Railyard Restaurant – 113 South Gillette Avenue

Commercial Project Horizon

New Commercial Construction Permits
2017 Year-to-Date and Comparison with Yearly Totals 2011 – 2016

2017 – Year-To-Date Permits: 7	2017 – Year-To-Date Valuation: $3,469,988
Entire Year - 2016: 12	Valuation: $28,705,078
Entire Year - 2015: 29	Valuation: $78,254,824
Entire Year - 2014: 23	Valuation: $82,610,443
Entire Year - 2013: 27	Valuation: $30,643,901
Entire Year - 2012: 30	Valuation: $23,813,746
Entire Year - 2011: 25	Valuation: $23,272,779

Commercial Additions and Alterations*
2017 Year-to-Date and Comparison with Yearly Totals 2011 – 2015

2017 – Year-To-Date Permits: 28	2017 – Year-To-Date Valuation: $1,979,431
Entire Year – 2016: 52	Valuation: $11,725,119
Entire Year – 2015: 67	Valuation: $41,655,772
Entire Year – 2014: 90	Valuation: $24,505,678
Entire Year – 2013: 58	Valuation: $10,323,461
Entire Year – 2012: 78	Valuation: $22,591,121
Entire Year – 2011: 66	Valuation: $14,327,599

*Does not include Commercial Re-Roof Projects

Major Building Projects (Active)

Project	Status
Thunder Basin High School (expand CCHS So. Campus)	Under Construction
Sage Ridge Apartment Complex – 2625 Ledoux Ave (Lakeway & Hwy 50)	Under Construction
Thunder Basin High School – Track, Field & Stadium	Under Construction
Two Story Office Building with Basement (604 Gillette Avenue)	Under Construction
Lakeway Convenience Store (302 E Lakeway Road)	Under Construction

Active Utility Account Comparison

End of Second Quarter Comparison of Active Utility Accounts by Service Type

2012 through 2017

Utility Service Type	End of Second Quarter					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Electric						
Residential	12,515	12,635	12,769	12,958	13,085	13,031
Commercial	2,261	2,277	2,294	2,339	2,548	2,600
Subtotal	14,776	14,912	15,063	15,297	15,633	15,631
Water						
Residential	8,333	8,434	8,573	8,797	8,740	8,701
Commercial	1,458	1,482	1,498	1,533	1,662	1,681
Subtotal	9,791	9,916	10,071	10,330	10,402	10,382
Sewer						
Residential	9,850	9,939	10,082	10,314	10,470	10,344
Commercial	1,240	1,252	1,265	1,292	1,310	1,325
Subtotal	11,090	11,191	11,347	11,606	11,780	11,669
Trash						
Residential	10,054	10,140	10,266	10,577	10,301	9,922
Commercial	387	391	390	403	413	372
Subtotal	10,441	10,531	10,656	10,980	10,714	10,294
Yard Waste	1,828	105	2,004	2,119	2,138	2,291
Recycle	3,081	3,063	3,032	2,989	2,979	820
Active Customers						
Residential	13,066	13,168	13,300	13,469	13,795	13,872
Commercial	2,634	2,668	2,689	2,737	2,949	2,994
TOTAL	15,700	15,836	15,989	16,206	16,744	16,866

Source: City of Gillette Customer Service Division

Housing Horizon

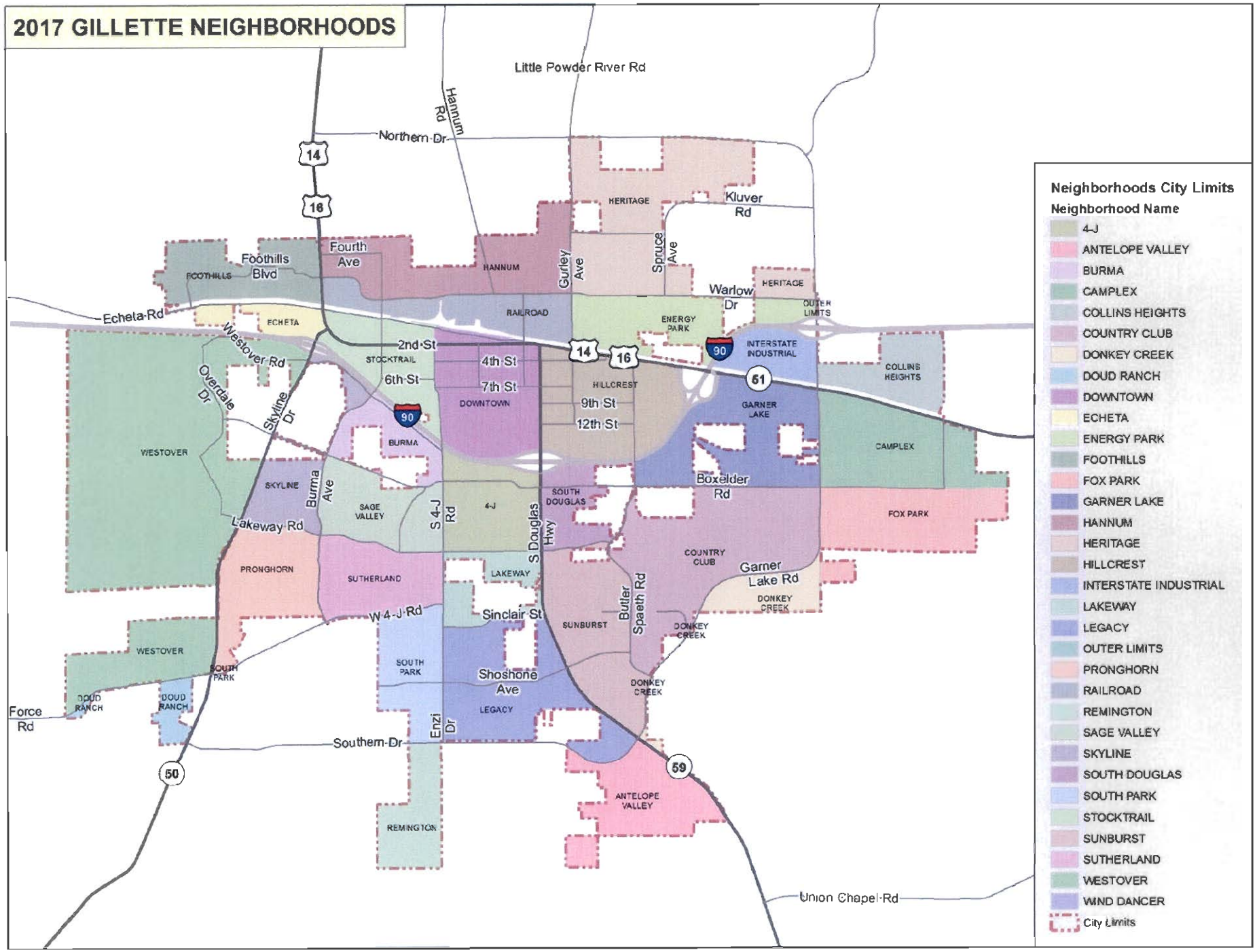
New Housing Units Permitted by Type and Neighborhood

April 1 – June 30, 2017

NEIGHBORHOODS (See Map)	Units Permitted This Year					Total Known Units		
	SFD	SFA	MH	MF	Year to Date	Single Family Units	All Other Units	Total All Units
4-J						649	332	981
ANTELOPE VALLEY						13		13
BURMA								
CAMPLEX								
COLLINS HEIGHTS						178		178
COUNTRY CLUB	4				4	305	121	426
DONKEY CREEK								
DOUD RANCH						105		105
DOWNTOWN						792	358	1,150
ECHETA						140		140
ENERGY PARK								
FOOTHILLS						757	341	1,098
FOX PARK			1	1	2	432		432
GARNER LAKE						52		52
HANNUM						235	123	358
HERITAGE			2	1	3	1,217	300	1,517
HILLCREST						984	539	1,523
INTERSTATE INDUSTRIAL						101		101
LAKEWAY						9		9
LEGACY	2				2	470	138	608
OUTER LIMITS								
PRONGHORN						161	173	334
RAILROAD						319	106	425
REMINGTON						224	216	440
SAGE VALLEY						652	15	667
SKYLINE						3		3
SOUTH DOUGLAS						9	141	150
SOUTH PARK	3				3	303	335	638
STOCKTRAIL						195	261	456
SUNBURST	1				1	561	1	562
SUTHERLAND						548	97	645
WESTOVER	1				1	888	92	980
WIND DANCER								
TOTAL For Year	**11**		**3**	**2**	**16**	**10,302**	**3,689**	**13,991**
% For Year	**69%**		**19%**	12%	**100%**			

SFD = Single Family Detached // SFA = Single Family Attached (up to 3 units) // MH = Manufactured/Mobile Home // MF = Multi-Family (>/= 4 units)

2017 GILLETTE NEIGHBORHOODS



Valuation: The total valuation for all new housing permits issued year-to-date (2017) is **$4,289,662**.

Comparison: New Housing Units Permitted Through Second Quarter 2011 – 2017

Second Quarter By Year	New Housing Permits Issued Through 2nd Quarter
2017	16
2016	17
2015	58
2014	83
2013	73
2012	107
2011	105

Final Certificate of Occupancy Issued
Year-to-Date and Comparison with Yearly Totals 2011 – 2017

Year	Final Certificates of Occupancy Issued
2017 – Year-to-Date	15 *(Compared to 44, through 2nd Quarter 2016)*
Entire Year – 2016	60
Entire Year – 2015	138
Entire Year – 2014	151
Entire Year – 2013	140
Entire Year – 2012	188
Entire Year – 2011	303

Note: The Final Certificate Occupancy means that the building is approved for permanent occupancy.

Residential Additions and Alterations*
Year-to-Date and Comparison with Yearly Totals 2011 – 2017

Year	Number of Permits	Valuation
2017 – Year-to-Date	61	$1,597,354
Entire Year – 2016	134	$2,359,860
Entire Year – 2015	134	$2,970,439
Entire Year – 2014	103	$1,886,018
Entire Year – 2013	105	$2,391,665
Entire Year – 2012	91	$1,505,932
Entire Year – 2011	80	$1,701,568

*Does not include Residential Re-Roof Projects.

Single Family Real Estate Summary - Total Active Residential Listings per Zip Code
End of Second Quarter 2017 as of 6/30/2017 @ 2:30 pm

Price Range		82716	82718	Combined Total
$ 0.00	$ 99,999.99	17	11	28
$ 100,000.00	$ 199,999.99	86	88	174
$ 200,000.00	$ 299,999.99	43	82	125
$ 300,000.00	$ 399,999.99	10	43	53
$ 400,000.00	$ 499,999.99	1	16	17
$ 500,000.00	$ 599,999.99	1	4	5
OVER	$ 600,000.00	0	7	7
TOTAL		158	251	409

Source: Campbell County Board of Realtors and the Multiple Listing Service (MLS)

Rental Vacancy Rates

The vacancy rate for apartments/rental units has *decreased* from **23.4%** in the first quarter of 2017, to **21.0%** in the second quarter of 2017. When compared to the same time last year, the vacancy rate for apartments/rental units has *decreased* from **22.4%** in the second quarter of 2016, to **21.0%** in the second quarter of 2017. The apartment/rental unit sample size surveyed during the second quarter of 2017 makes up about 55% of all known apartment/rental units within the City of Gillette. Based on this, approximately **640** apartment/rental units are currently available within the City of Gillette.

The vacancy rate for mobile home units/lots within Mobile Home Parks has *increased* from **16.1%** in the first quarter of 2017, to **17.2%** in the second quarter of 2017. When compared to the same time last year, the vacancy rate for mobile home units/lots within Mobile Home Parks has *decreased* from **22.6%** in the second quarter of 2016, to **17.2%** in the second quarter of 2017. The sample size surveyed during the first quarter of 2017 makes up about 50% of all known mobile home units/lots within Mobile Home Parks within the City of Gillette. Based on this, over **480** mobile home rental units/lots are currently available within the City of Gillette.

Rental Vacancy Rate by Quarter 2011 – 2017 by Percent Vacant

Apartments and Other Buildings	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Average for Year
2011	6.3	6.3	8.5	8.9	**7.5%**
2012	8.2	7.5	7.5	9.2	**8.1%**
2013	12.5	9.1	4.9	4.5	**7.7%**
2014	4.4	1.3	0.7	1.3	**1.9%**
2015	3.7	5.9	8.2	9.3	**6.8%**
2016	12.0	22.4	26.0	26.5	**21.7%**
2017	23.4	21.0			**22.2%**
Manufactured and Mobile Home Parks					
2011	8.3	8.3	7.5	7.5	**7.9%**
2012	7.5	8.4	8.4	7.9	**8.0%**
2013	7.9	6.6	7.5	6.4	**7.0%**
2014	6.4	6.3	5.5	4.8	**5.7%**
2015	9.2	9.1	9.6	9.1	**9.3%**
2016	9.9	22.6	15.7	15.9	**16.0%**
2017	16.1	17.2			**16.7%**

Sample Size 2nd Qtr 2017: apartments/other residential rental buildings = 1,677; manufactured/mobile homes in parks = 1,431 units.
Apartments/rental units sample size makes up approximately 55% of all known units.
Manufactured/mobile home sample size makes up approximately 50% of all known units.

The ***combined, average rental vacancy rate*** for all rental stock surveyed in the City of Gillette at the end of the second quarter of 2017 is **19.0%**.

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30 June 2017

Mr. Paul Foster
General Manager
CAM-PLEX
1635 Reata Drive
Gillette, WY 82178

Dear Paul,

The Board of Commissioners officially adopted the Campbell County Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget during our June 20th meeting. Campbell County funding for the Joint Powers Public Land Board FY2017-18 budget, by category, is outlined below:

Operating -	$2,692,635.	(82%)
Capital -	$ 0.	(50%)
Fleet Depreciation -	$ 17,314. *	
Fleet Contingency -	$ 30,000. *	
Total:	$2,739,949.00	

The approved budget reflects adjustments for benefits and payroll expenses. The amounts outlined above are in accordance with the direction provided at the joint meeting held on March 23rd. Campbell County will maintain the level of funding provided for these accounts and would request that you provide correspondence detailing the items for which the County funds will be expended. *Funding held by Campbell County.

Paul, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I want to thank you, Ms. Keuck, your staff and the Joint Powers Public Land Board for the preparation and presentation of your funding request. The submission of budget information and ensuing discussions for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget went well. Even though we experienced a twenty one percent (21%) decline in assessed valuation, we have been able to maintain our County services. We ask that you to continue to adhere to our Budget Message.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions as we continue to address austere revenue projections. If you have any questions regarding the Joint Powers Public Land Board operating budget, capital budget, or vehicle replacement account, please contact our office or the Office of the County Clerk.

Sincerely,

Rusty Bell
Chairman

xc: County Clerk
City of Gillette

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30 June 2017

Chief Bill Shank
Campbell County Fire Department
106 Rohan Road
Gillette, WY 82176

Dear Bill:

The Board of Commissioners officially adopted the Campbell County Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget during our June 20th meeting. Campbell County funding for the Joint Powers Fire Board FY 2017-18 budget, by category, is outlined below:

Operating -	$3,304,032. (73.75%)
Capital -	$ 25,740. (49.5%)
Vehicle Replacement -	$ 0. (49.5%)
Total:	$3,329,772.00

The approved budget reflects adjustments for benefits and payroll expenses. The amounts outlined above are in accordance with the direction provided at the joint meeting held on March 23rd. In addition, the County had approved the Fire Department's Vehicle acquisitions that were approved in the last Fiscal Year budget; unfortunately, this purchase did not occur. Campbell County will maintain the level of funding provided for these accounts and would request that you provide correspondence detailing the items for which the County funds will be expended. As outlined earlier, please present an actual invoice for any capital items to be purchased in the new fiscal year, for approved capital funding to be released.

Bill, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I want to thank you, Ms. Lhotak-Crippen, your staff and the Joint Powers Fire Board for the preparation and presentations on your funding request. The submission of budget information and ensuing discussions for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget went well. Even though we experienced a twenty one percent (21%) decline in assessed valuation, we have been able to maintain our County services. We ask that you to continue to adhere to our Budget Message.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions as we continue to address austere revenue projections. If you have any questions regarding the Joint Powers Fire Board budget, please contact our office or the County Clerk.

Sincerely,

Rusty Bell
Chairman

xc: County Clerk
City of Gillette
Town of Wright

Thunder Basin

Joel M. Coast, E.I.T.
Environmental Engineer
jcoast@archcoal.com

June 28, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised of the attached Public Notice of blasting activity for the next twelve month period at the Black Thunder Mine south of Gillette, Wyoming.

Sincerely,

Joel Coast

Joel Coast
Environmental Engineer

Attachment

cc: PER-14-2-1-11

Thunder Basin Coal Co., LLC.
Black Thunder Mine
P.O. Box 406
Wright, WY 82732

office: 307-464-2300

STATE OF WYOMING
COUNTY OF CAMPBELL
PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING

Blasting will be conducted daily at Thunder Basin Coal Company, LLC's Black Thunder Mine, P.O. Box 406, Wright, Wyoming 82732. (307) 939-1300. The mine is located approximately 12 miles SE of Wright, WY on Highway 450.

During the next 12 months beginning August 11, 2017 all blasting will be located in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11; W/2W/2 of Section 1; E/2 of Section 10; S/2SW/4 of Section 12; N/2SW/4, NW/4, W/2SW/4NE/4 of Section 13; NE/4, NW/4, N/2SE/4, N/2SW/4 of Section 14; NE/4, N/2SE/4 of Section 15; all in T42N-R70W.All of Sections 1 and 2; N/2NE/4 SE/4NE/4 of Section 3 all in T42N-R71W. SW/4SW/4 of Section 6; NW/4, portions of SW/4 of Section 7; all in T43N-R69W. All of Sections 2 – 10, 15 – 21, 27 – 36; W/2, SE/4, S/2NE/4, NW/4NE/4 of Section 1; N/2, SW/4, N/2SE/4, SW/4SE/4, portions of SE/4SE/4 of Section 11; N/2, SE/4, N/2SW/4 of Section 12; W/2, W/2NE/4, NW/4SE/4, portion of NE/4NE/4 of Section 14; NW/4, S/2, S/2NE/4 of Section 22; SW/4 of Section 23; SW/4NW/4, W/2SW/4 of Section 25; All of Section 26 except NE/4NE/4; all in T43N-R70W. All of Sections 1, 2, 8 – 17, 19 – 27 and 34 – 36; E/2, SW/4, S/2NW/4 of Section 3; S/2 of Section 18; and E/2 of Section 28 all in T43N-R71W. All of Sections 19 – 20, 27 – 30, and 31 – 35; S/2 of Section 21; S/2 of Section 22; W/2SW/4 of Section 23; SW/4SE/4, SW/4 of Section 25; S/2, S/2NE/4, S/2NW/4, NW/4NW/4 of Section 26; W/2, W/2NE/4, W/2SE/4 of Section 36; all in T44N-R70W. All of Sections 14, 23 – 26, 35 – 36; SE/4 of Section 22; S/2 of Section 13; E/2 of Section 27; E/2 of Section 34; all in T44N-R71W of Campbell County, Wyoming.

Blasting of coal and overburden is conducted during daylight hours, seven days per week. The designated blasting time is between sunrise and sunset except under conditions where operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation or for emergency blasting actions.

In unusual situations, it may be necessary to detonate blasts at times other than those specified. This emergency blasting will be done when weather or other conditions present some hazard to normal blasting procedures, when necessary to maintain safe operating conditions, or when necessary for public safety.

Blasting areas containing loaded holes will be marked with "Danger Loaded Blast Holes, Keep Away" signs. Access to the blasting area will be marked with berms and flagging at all access points through the berms to guard against unauthorized entry into this zone.

Audible warning of blasting activity will be given by sirens audible for at least one-half mile. The first warning will be a one-minute wail siren sound to indicate blast detonation in ten minutes. A one-minute yelp siren sound will indicate blast detonation within one minute and will continue until blast detonation. An all clear, fifteen-second wail siren will be sounded after the blast has been detonated and checked for complete detonation.

Residents or owners of manmade dwellings or structures located within ½ mile of the term of permit boundary may request a pre-blasting survey by submitting a written request to Thunder Basin Coal Company, LLC at the above address or to the Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division, 2100 West 5th Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

Thunder Basin Coal Company, LLC
Black Thunder Mine

United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING
RECLAMATION AND
ENFORCEMENT
Western Region Office 1999
Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202-3050

July 6, 2017

Dear Interested Public Land User,

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Region Office has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Cordero Rojo Mine Duvall Tract federal mining plan modification (the Project). This EA has been prepared to support a decision by OSMRE as to whether a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be reached for a proposed mining plan modification for the Project. Pursuant to 30 CFR 746, OSMRE must prepare and submit to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) a decision document recommending approval, conditional approval or disapproval of the proposed mining plan modification. ASLM approval of a mining plan modification would authorize mining activities to produce an estimated 55.8 million tons (Mt) of coal at an estimated rate of 20 Mt per year from Cordero Mining Company (CMC) Federal Coal Lease WYW174407 and add an additional 852.1 acres of surface disturbance.

OSMRE is preparing this EA to evaluate the environmental impacts resulting from the Project, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The current state mine permit, approved in 2017, encompasses 22,537 acres with 19,776 acres to be affected, including the Duvall tract. Since 2012, the annual production rate has ranged from a high of about 39.2 Mt in 2012 to a low of about 18.3 Mt in 2016. Due to the uncertainty in determining the demand for coal, the EA will be prepared assuming that the average annual production rate would be 20 Mt. Based on remaining coal reserves and the estimated future production rate; mining at the Cordero Rojo Mine would be completed in approximately 11 years if the Project is not approved. The Project will add approximately 55.8 Mt of recoverable federal coal to the Cordero Rojo Mine. The approval would extend the life of mine by approximately 2.8 years.

The EA and unsigned FONSI are available for review online at:
https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/CorderoRojoMineAmendment.shtm

Printed versions of the EA and unsigned FONSI are also available for review at the following locations:

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Region
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202
Between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday
(Closed Saturday and Sunday)

Campbell County Courthouse
500 S. Gillette Ave.
Gillette, WY 82716
Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday
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Campbell County Public Library
2101 S 4-J Rd
Gillette, WY 82718
Between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM, Monday to Thursday; between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Friday and Saturday (Closed Sunday)

You are invited to direct your comments on the EA and unsigned OSMRE FONSI to: ATTN: Cordero Rojo Mine Amendment EA, C/O: Logan Sholar, OSMRE WR, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, CO 80202-3050. Comments may also be emailed to: osm-nepa-wy@osmre.gov. Be sure to send emails with the subject line: **ATTN: Cordero Rojo Mine Amendment EA.** All comments must be received or postmarked by August 7, 2017 to be considered.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – will be publicly available. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public review to the extent consistent with applicable law.

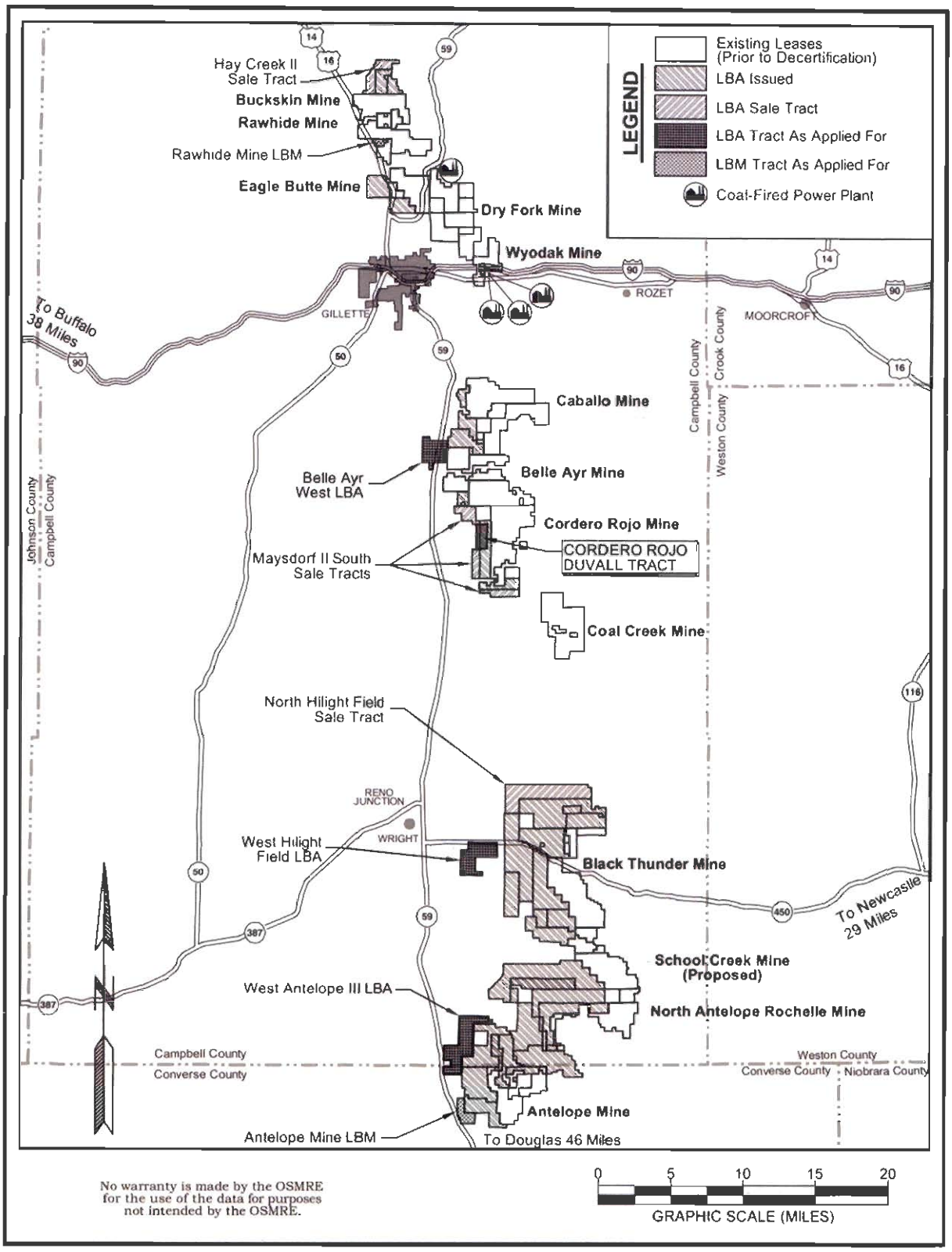
Additional information regarding this Project may be obtained from Logan Sholar at (303) 293-5036 or lsholar@osmre.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Shaeffer

Elizabeth Shaeffer, Manager
Field Operations Branch

Enclosed: Project Map



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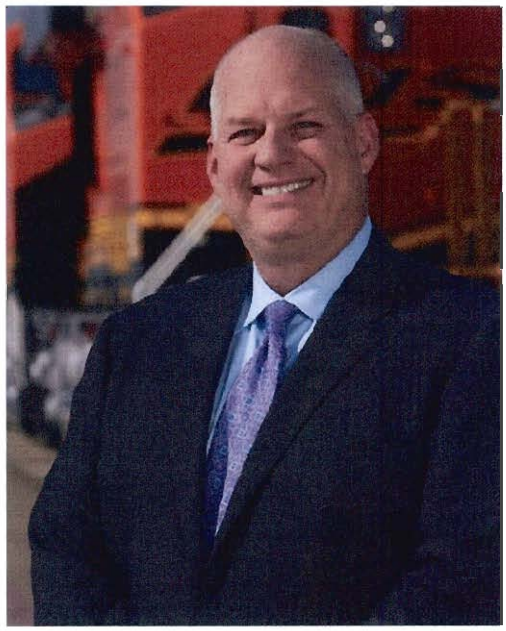
BNSF Supports Great Falls Teachers with Third BNSF Teacher of the Year Award

For the third time, BNSF was pleased to partner with the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation in awarding the BNSF Teacher of the Year award. Each year, BNSF invites the Excellence in Education nominees to apply for the BNSF Teacher of the Year award. A special committee made up of local leaders and educators select two teachers from this pool. Each winner is awarded a $2,500 grant (administered by the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation) to help purchase supplies for their classroom or continuing education.

For 2017, the winners were Beth Thomas, and Lisa Shull, pictured below with Ross Lane of BNSF. Read more about the award and the winners in the Great Falls Tribune.

A Message from Carl Ice, CEO of BNSF Railway



As we move forward in 2017, we must remain strong, resilient and agile while driving continued improvements in safety, service, efficiency and reliability for our customers.

Safety will always be the most important thing we do, and we will not be successful until we achieve our safety vision.

We moved record volumes of Agricultural Products, increased frac sand shipments in Industrial Products and our Consumer Products business continued to serve as our overall volume leader representing more than half of our 2016 volumes, reflecting our ability to capture increased automotive and domestic intermodal business. Actions like identifying new ways to leverage our existing network to gain market share, developing new markets or offering new services that we

couldn't have previously offered will be important to our future.

As we move through 2017, I remain as confident in our future as I've ever been because we continue to be relevant to our customers and the communities that we serve. We are proud to be railroaders because what we do is important - safely moving the goods that are vital to our nation and our economy every day.

The full 2016 annual report can be read by clicking HERE.

WAM ParticipantsTake Special Train Ride in Gillette

In late May, the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) met in Gillette, WY for their annual spring conference. BNSF thanked the attendees for their public service by taking participants on a train ride aboard the BNSF executive business cars. Wyoming Governor Matt Meade and other senior statewide elected officials welcomed riders aboard the train.

Below, BNSF Assistant Vice-President of State Government Affairs, Juan Acosta introduces Gillette Mayor, Louise Carter-King.

BNSF Railway Foundation Supports Construction of Crow Nation Dance Arbor

As the Crow Nation kicked off Native Days 2017 with a prayer breakfast, the BNSF Railway Foundation marked the occasion by presenting the first of two checks for $75,000 towards the construction of a new Dance Arbor. In total, the BNSF Railway Foundation will donate $150,000 to the Crow for the construction and ongoing maintenance of the new Dance Arbor. As part of its ongoing collaborative work with communities across our network, BNSF employs a Tribal Relations Director and Tribal Liaison who work to maintain a constructive dialogue and positive relationship with the many tribal communities the BNSF network crosses.

Read more about the gift and Crow Native Days at Last Best News.

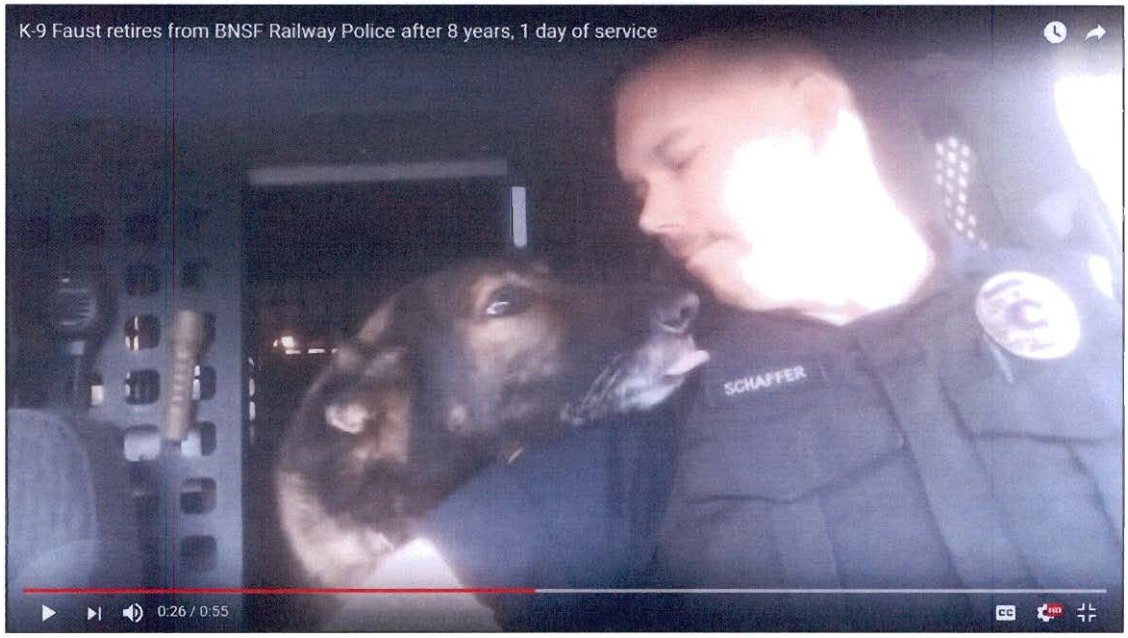
Below, Crow Nation Tribal Chairman Alvin Not Afraid, Jr. presents gifts to BNSF executives.

One Train is Equivalent to 280 Trucks

By converting more of their shipping from trucks to trains, BNSF customers are significantly decreasing their carbon footprint. A single double-stack intermodal train removes more than 280 long-haul freight trucks from the highway. Shipping with BNSF intermodal instead of using entirely over-the-road solutions enabled BNSF customers to reduce their carbon emissions by 34 million metric tons in 2016. Learn more about our sustainability on our YouTube Channel by clicking the image below.

Did You Know?

BNSF employs it's own police force called Special Agents. Special Agents are law enforcement professionals that aim to prevent crime, conduct investigations, and secure BNSF property among other duties. Special Agents often work with law enforcement professionals from other jurisdictions like the Department of Homeland Security. BNSF Special Agents also employ K-9's. Watch below as Faust, a recently retired working dog, clocks out for the last time after more than eight years of service with BNSF.



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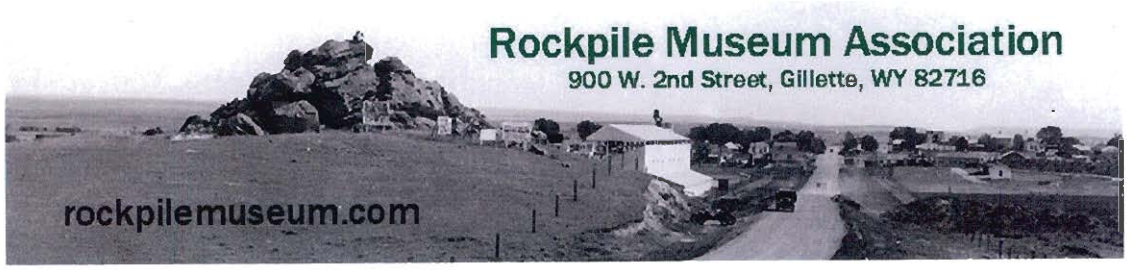

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Hello RMA Members and Friends,

The Board of Directors of the Rockpile Museum Association would like to invite you to our annual general membership meeting taking place at the Rockpile Museum on July 18th at 7:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend and anyone interested in getting involved can sign up to become a member that evening.

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We will also be holding annual elections for the coming year. All members have a vote in the election and any current member in attendance at the meeting can be nominated to serve. There are two openings on the board, Secretary (three year term) and Member-At-Large (unexpired term with one year remaining).

If you have any questions or would like to know more about how you can help the RMA, please contact Board President Tom Butler at 682-7447. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on July 18th.

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