



# CITY OF GILLETTE

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council  
FROM: Patrick G. Davidson, City Administrator  
RE: General Information  
DATE: March 29, 2019

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **March 30 – April 5, 2019**

### Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. **NEWY Meeting, Agenda Attached**

- City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

### Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

- Lottery Resolution Discussion – Finance Director Henderson
- Quarterly Updates
  - Gillette College – Janell Oberlander
  - Cam-Plex – Jeff Esposito
  - Campbell County Fire Department – J.R. Fox
  - Energy Capital Economic Development – Phil Christopherson
- Review April 2, 2019 Council Agenda
- Executive Session
- City Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the **current monthly calendar** for **April 2019**.
2. Attached please find an **Economic Summary: 4Q2018** dated **March 2019** provided by the **Wyoming Department of Administration and Information Economic Analysis Division**.
3. Attached please find a **letter** regarding the **Dry Fork Mine** dated **March 22, 2019** provided by the **United States Department of the Interior Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**.
4. Attached please find **information** regarding **Help Those Affected by Nebraska Flooding** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
5. Attached please find a **flyer** regarding an **Easter Egg Hunt** on **April 13, 2019** from **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at the **Animal Shelter** at **950 West Warlow Drive** provided by the **City of Gillette Animal Shelter**.
6. Attached please find **information** regarding **Drive and Drop Community Clean Up Events** on **April 20<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup>** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.

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Saturday, March 30, 2019, 8AM

Location: Gillette City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Facilitated by: Mayor Louise Carter-King

- I. Welcome, Introductions & Warm-Up Items
- II. Guest Speaker: Dr. Steven M Carpenter, Director, Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - Approval of February 21, 2019 Minutes
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - Congressional Tour
    - August 5-9, 2019
    - Bighorn Public Affairs Update
    - Financials
    - Route
  - Future NEWY Agenda Topics & Guests
- V. Upcoming Events
  - WAM Summer Conference, June 12-14, Sheridan
- VI. Set Next NEWY Meeting Date
  - Saturday, April 27, 8AM, Gillette City Hall
  - Election of Region II WAM Executive Board Members
    - i. One City position
    - ii. One Town position
    - iii. One At-Large position
- VII. Adjourn



# CITY OF GILLETTE

Finance Department - City Clerk Division  
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**Pre-Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.**

## Pre-Meeting Topic(s):

- Lottery Resolution Discussion – Finance Director Henderson
- Quarterly Updates
  - Gillette College – Janell Oberlander
  - Cam-Plex – Jeff Esposito
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# APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Councilman McLeland Birthday 	2 City Council Pre-Meeting, 6PM - 3rd FL Lottery Resolution Discussion Quarterly Updates - Cam-Plex, CC Fire Dept, Energy Capital Economic Dev, Gillette College City Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 City Council Work Session - 5:30PM - 2nd FL (Dinner served at 5:00 p.m.) Agency Funding Requests	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 City Council Pre-Meeting, 6PM - 3rd FL Agency Funding Follow-Up Discussion  Reception for High School Champions 6:30 PM, Lobby Outside of Council Chambers  City Council Meeting, 7PM, Council Chambers	17	18	19 Good Friday	20
21 Easter Sunday 	22	23 City Council Budget Workshop #1 - CIP Review 6PM - 2nd FL	24	25	26 Arbor Day Event TBD Stocktrail School	27 NEWY Meeting 8AM 3rd FL
28	29	30 City Council Budget Workshop #2 6PM - 2nd FL	1-May City Council Budget Workshop #3 6PM - 2nd FL			



# Economic Summary: 4Q2018



Wyoming Department of Administration & Information

Economic Analysis Division

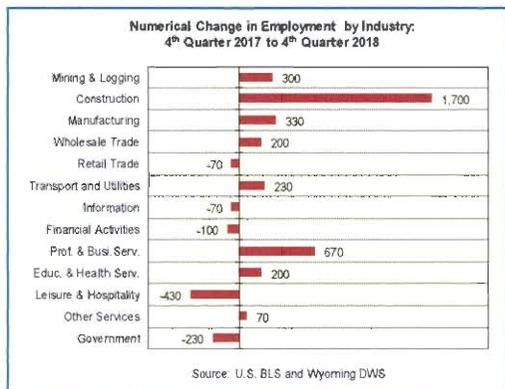
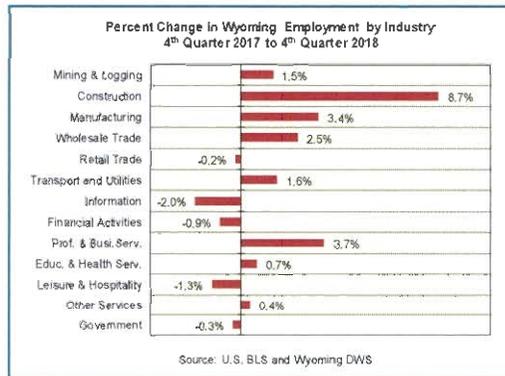
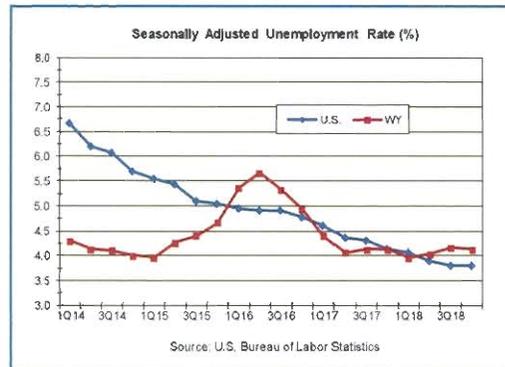
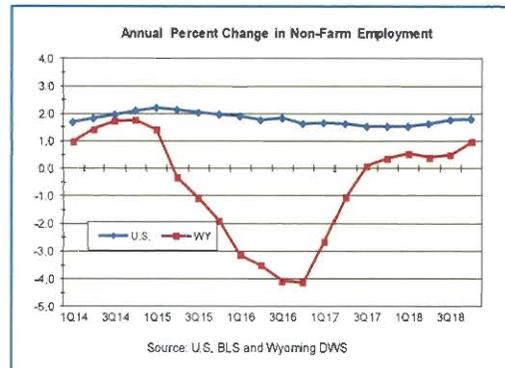
## Current Global and U.S. Economy

According to Moody's Analytics, global economic growth has passed the peak and is transitioning to a slower pace after an upswing for more than two years. Global GDP growth is forecast to slow to 3.0 percent in 2019 and 2.7 percent in 2020, after an expected 3.1 percent in 2018. The combination of slowing world trade, capacity constraints, and somewhat tighter financial conditions are behind the cooling trend. Elevated geopolitical risks threaten to accelerate the slowdown in global demand. China's stimulus this cycle is trying to stabilize the growth at a lower target range. The European Central Bank has loosened the stimulus taps, responding to the weaker economic conditions and looming downside risks. Monetary policy settings in major central banks are far from normalized, limiting ammunition to respond to a renewed downturn. The U.S. will keep propping up global growth through 2019, but the earlier expansionary fiscal policy is losing steam.

The U.S. economy in early 2019 seemed stalled out. The first-quarter GDP is barely growing. Both home sales and construction have been largely unchanged for the past year. Business investment has also been flat since last summer. Even the robust job market appears to have retreated. However, the growth slowdown may be somewhat overstated, and the economy is not expected to sink. Because of the Fed's response to the slower growth, long-term-rates have declined and the stock market has rebounded. In addition, the current low unemployment and accelerating wage growth are the exact financial factors needed to revive consumer spending. The U.S. economic expansion is expected to revive, and could become the longest in history advancing this summer.

## Employment

Wyoming's economy continued to rebound from the severe downturn in 2015 and 2016 albeit at a moderate pace. Total employment grew 1.0 percent (or 2,800 jobs) in the fourth quarter compared to one year earlier, the largest year-over-year growth since the first quarter of 2015. The state's unemployment rate dropped slightly in the quarter to 4.1 percent, marginally higher than the U.S. level of 3.8 percent. Job gains were broad-based, and most private industrial sectors experienced increases. Although oil prices contracted nearly 30 percent in the later months of 2018 from the summer, it did not notably dampen the mineral extraction business' confidence and drilling activities, particularly in the Powder River Basin. This pivotal industry still added about 300 jobs or 1.5 percent from last year. Employment in industries that are related to the drilling such as construction, manufacturing, and professional services grew faster. The leisure & hospitality industry lost most jobs, or 1.3 percent. The government sector continued to show a smaller number of jobs than the previous year.



## Personal Income and Earnings

Wyoming's total personal income grew 4.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 2018 from the previous year, slightly slower than the previous quarter. U.S. personal income increased 4.6 percent during the same period. Personal income is the income received by all residents from all sources. It is the sum of wage & salary and proprietors' earnings; property income (dividends, interest, and rent); and personal transfer receipts such as Social Security Income, Medicare and Medicaid benefits. Total earnings in the state grew 5.2 percent annually in the quarter, while property income and transfer receipts increased 4.3 percent, each. Earnings in nearly all sectors experienced expansions from a year ago, led by the construction industry's growth rate of 14.9 percent. Professional & business services, mining, utilities, and leisure & hospitality sectors also showed increases of around 8.0 percent, respectively.

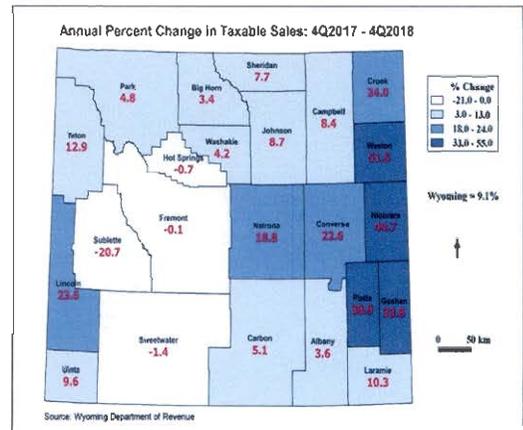
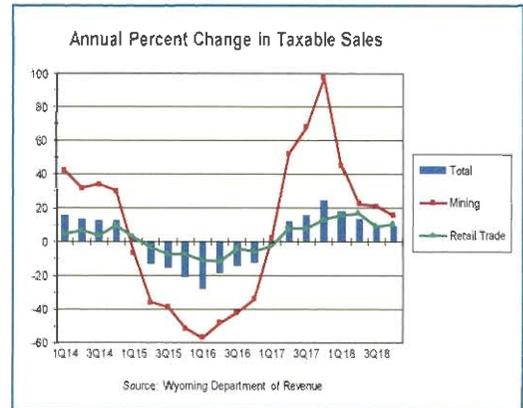
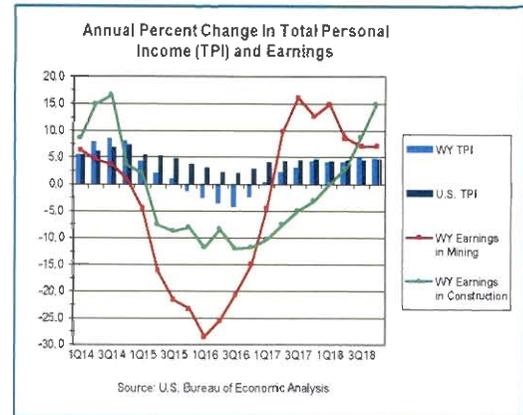
## Housing

The statewide home price increased 3.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 2018 from one year ago, slower than the pace for the previous quarter, while the national average price appreciation also slowed down to 5.7 percent during the same period. In Wyoming, single-family building permits for new privately-owned residential construction in the fourth quarter of 2018 were 2.3 percent lower than the previous year level. Both mortgage delinquency rates and foreclosure rates in December were lower than last year, according to CoreLogic.

The U.S. house price appreciation has decelerated in three consecutive quarters on a year-ago basis. Declining housing affordability and rising mortgage rates were shackling housing demand. Mortgage applications were flat from their previous year level, and overall home sales have been trending lower since the beginning of 2018. However, the supply-side constraints on the housing market remain tight, and inventory-to-sales ratio for existing homes has fallen to its historical low. The current low supply environment means that prices are unlikely to fall very far even as the economy slows down.

## Taxable Sales

Based on sales and use tax collections, total taxable sales in the state grew 9.1 percent to \$4.8 billion in the fourth quarter of 2018. Increases occurred in most economic industries, with the fastest growth in the construction sector which experienced a year-over-year expansion of 32.5 percent. The mining sector (including oil & gas extraction) grew 15.5 percent due to increased sales of equipment, supplies, and services from new energy exploration and production activity. However, the fourth quarter amount in mining was still 27.2 percent less than the figure for the fourth quarter of 2014 – before the energy downturn. Traditionally, about one-fifth of collections are from the mining industry, therefore the changes in total sales and use tax collections in Wyoming have been greatly affected by the fluctuation in mineral activities. Machinery & equipment leasing, which support mineral extraction, also showed strong growth of 30.1 percent. The public administration sector, which reflects automobile sales,



showed an increase of 9.1 percent over the year. The retail trade industry, the largest in terms of sales tax contribution, grew 10.1 percent. Wholesale trade, transportation & warehousing, and other services showed declines. Across the state, 19 out of 23 counties experienced increases in taxable sales, led by Weston County (51.5%). Six other counties, Niobrara, Platte, Goshen, Crook, Lincoln, and Converse demonstrated over 20.0 percent expansions, respectively. Sublette County suffered the largest decline, at -20.7 percent, possibly reflecting a slowdown in conventional natural gas exploration.

### Tourism

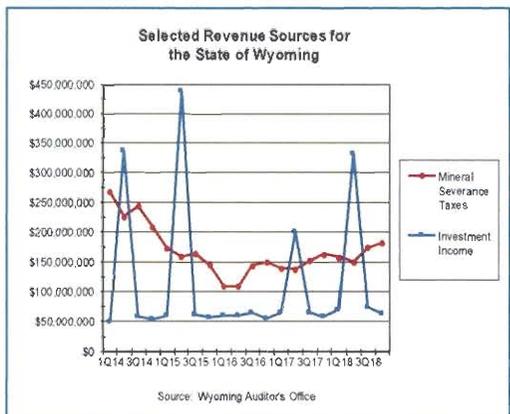
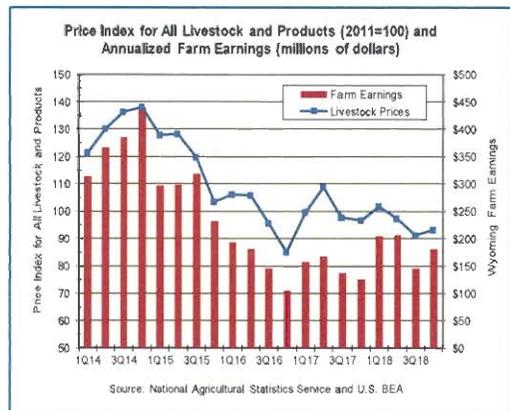
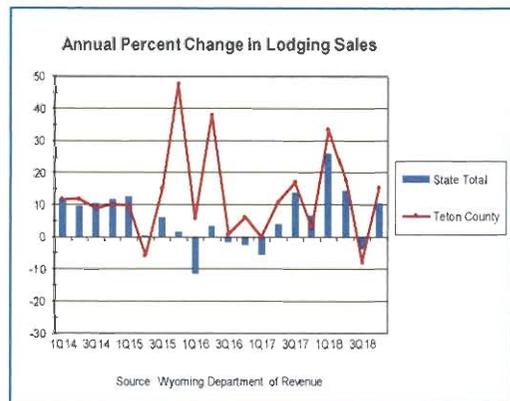
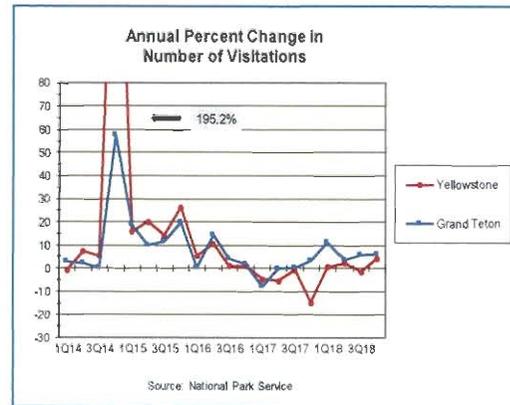
The number of recreational visitations to Yellowstone National Park reached 254,305 in the fourth quarter of 2018, up 4.3 percent from the previous year, while 300,985 visits in Grand Teton National Park showed an increase of 6.1 percent. Visitation figures in 2016 were the highest ever, due mostly to national parks' centennial celebration. The huge increase in visitations for the fourth quarter of 2014 was attributed to the 16-day Federal government shutdown in October 2013. Lodging sales for the fourth quarter were 15.1 percent higher than a year ago in Teton County, and were 10.5 percent higher for the state as a whole. Visitation to the state during the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse has probably compromised the comparison for the third quarter. In general, the primary drivers for the fluctuation in lodging sales are visitations to the national parks and mineral activities in the state.

### Agriculture

The index of prices received by farmers for all U.S. livestock and products increased slightly in the fourth quarter of 2018, but the price level was lower than a year ago. Between the fourth quarter of 2014 and 2016, farm earnings in Wyoming experienced a dramatic downward trend amid strong supply and weak global demand for beef products, but they have somewhat stabilized since then. The January 1, 2019 inventory of all cattle and calves in Wyoming totaled 1.30 million head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2018 inventory, according to the Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 714,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged from last year at 6,000 head. Wyoming's 2018 calf crop, at 670,000 head, is up 2 percent from 2017.

### Revenue

Investment income into the state general fund, including income from the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund and state agency pooled income accounts, reached \$62.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2018, which was 7.7 percent higher than the amount recorded a year ago. The huge boosts in second quarters were due to the net realized capital gains being distributed at the end of each fiscal year, which ends on June 30. The \$182.7 million in mineral severance taxes generated in the fourth quarter of 2018 was 12.3 percent higher than the previous year, and it was the highest amount recorded since the fourth quarter of 2014.





# United States Department of the Interior

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



March 22, 2019

Dear Stakeholders and Interested Parties,

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Region Office, will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Dry Fork Mine's (DFM) mining plan modification for federal coal lease WYW-0311810 (the Project). In accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA), The DOI Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) must approve the Project before any mining and reclamation can occur on lands containing leased federal coal. Western Fuels-Wyoming Inc. (WFW) operates the DFM under Permit No. PT0599 issued by Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) Land Quality Division (LQD) in accordance with the approved Wyoming State Coal Regulatory Program (30 CFR Part 950). Permit No. PT0599 is in the process of being amended to include the A3 Tract. If approved, the revised federal mining plan would include the condition that WFW could not mine coal from the federal coal within the A3 Tract prior to receiving approval from the ASLM.

OSMRE is preparing an EA to evaluate the environmental impacts resulting from the Project, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The DFM is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Gillette, Wyoming. The DFM uses a truck and loader mining method. The amount of remaining recoverable federal coal authorized for removal within the currently approved federal mining plan is approximately 204 million tons (Mt). The Project proposes to add approximately 640.3 acres and 58.1 Mt of federal coal to the approved federal mining plan. The annual production rate used to calculate the environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action will be 6.0 million tons per year (Mtpy), which is the estimated future annual production rate suggested by DFM and is below the maximum permitted production rate of 15.0 Mtpy set by WDEQ-Air Quality Division (AQD) air quality permit P0023278. DFM started operation in 1990 and the mine will continue to operate until 2054 under the current, approved mining plan. Using the estimated 6.0 Mtpy production rate, the Project would extend the life of the mine by approximately 9.7 years, to 2064.

The EA will update, clarify, and provide new and additional environmental information for the Project. As a result of the EA process, OSMRE will determine whether or not there are significant environmental impacts. An environmental impact statement will be prepared if the EA identifies significant impacts. If a finding of no significant impact is reached, and pursuant to 30 CFR § 746.13, OSMRE will prepare and submit to the ASLM a mining plan decision document recommending approval, disapproval, or conditional approval of the mining plan modification. The ASLM will approve, disapprove, or conditionally approve the mining plan modification, as required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920.

OSMRE is soliciting public comments on the Project. Your comments will help to determine the issues and alternatives that will be evaluated in the environmental analysis. You are invited to direct these comments to:

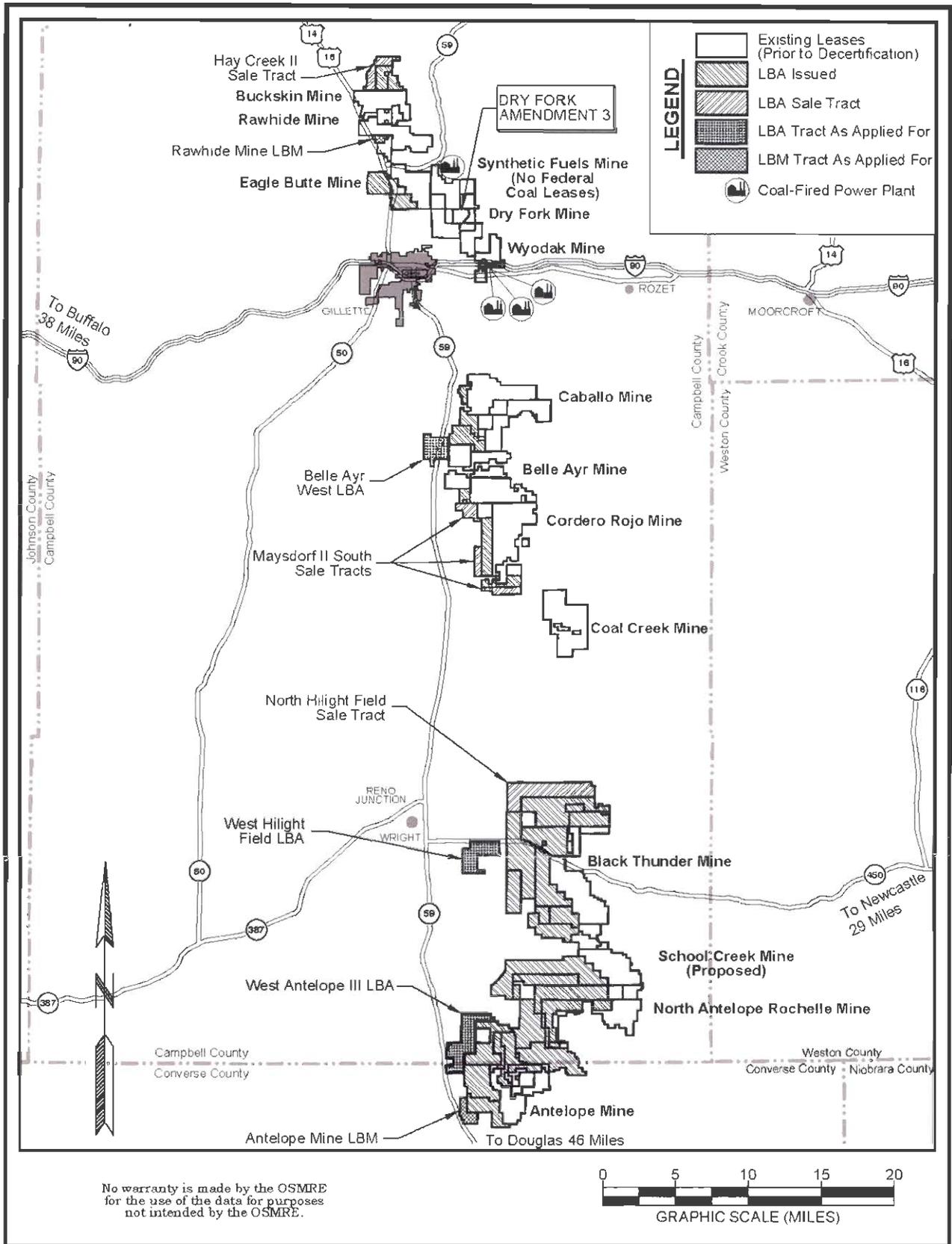
Comments may also be emailed to: [osm-nepa-wy@osmre.gov](mailto:osm-nepa-wy@osmre.gov), ensure the subject line reads: ATTN: OSMRE, Dry Fork Mine A3 EA. Comments should be received or postmarked no later than April 22, 2019 to be considered during the preparation of the EA. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection. Additional information regarding the Project may be obtained from Logan Sholar, telephone number (303) 293-5036 and the Project website provided below. When available, the EA and other supporting documentation will be posted at: <http://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/DryForkMineAmendment3.shtm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Shaeffer", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Elizabeth Shaeffer, Manager  
Field Operations Branch

Attachment: Location Map



# Help Those Affected By Nebraska Flooding



## **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!**

Our neighbors in Nebraska need some help due to unprecedented flooding. Here are some guidelines and resources.

### **Needs List**

### **How to pack a box of donated items**

Send items to:

**Multi-Agency Warehouse**  
**8457 West Center Road**  
**Omaha, NE 68124**

You can also help Nebraska Ranchers. To donate, write a check to Nebraska Cattlemen Disaster Relief Fund and mail it to:

**Nebraska Cattlemen Disaster Relief Fund**  
**4611 Cattle Drive**  
**Lincoln, NE 68521**

The Nebraska Farm Bureau established a Disaster Relief Fund at the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation, and is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit. Any donations made to the fund are tax-deductible. To donate, mail checks to:

**Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation**  
**Attn: Disaster Relief Fund**  
**P.O. Box 80299**  
**Lincoln, NE 68501-0299**

If you can volunteer to help, please call the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at 1-800-831-0550.

Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Body Soap  
Razors  
Shaving Cream  
Tooth Brushes  
Tooth Paste  
Nail File  
Nail Clippers  
Deodorant  
Body Lotion  
Sunscreen  
Bug Spray  
Eye Drops  
Laundry Detergent/Softener  
Dish Soap  
Cleaning Items  
Clorox  
Paper Towels  
Paper Cups, Bowls  
Plastic ware  
Kitchen Towels/Dish towels  
Gloves: leather, personal protection  
Coveralls  
N-95 Masks  
Flat Shovels/Rakes  
Tarps  
Tools and Tool Boxes  
Batteries of all sizes  
Garbage Cans and commercial grade bags  
New Pots and Pans (check Walmart Gibson Kitchen 84 piece Kits)  
New Cooking Utensils  
New Pillows  
New Towels  
New Sheets  
New Blankets  
Hats  
Garden Tools  
New Sleeping Bags  
New Underwear  
New Socks  
New Jeans  
New t-shirts  
School supplies  
Office Supplies  
Gift cards to common stores in amounts of \$20.00

NO USED ELECTRONICS or USED CLOTHING No USED Mattress

### How to pack a box of donated items!

Packing a box of donated items is more than putting donations in a box. If you don't pack the box correctly then when the receiver has problems.

1. Use the correct size box. If a box that is too large is used it will collapse or become too heavy.
2. If the box is too tall cut it down to size by ripping the corners and flapping over the top.
3. Use box tape that is strong enough to hold.
4. Make sure all containers are standing up.
5. Pack like products together. Don't put cleaning supplies with food items.
6. Write with a permanent marker on the top and two sides the content and the number of items.
7. Clothing: Start with largest size on the bottom and work up to smallest size.
8. All underwear must be new and in original packaging.
9. When packing pallets place heavy boxes on bottom.
10. **NO PUT CLOROX or AMMONIA in the same box or on the same pallet.**

A DAY OF FUN



# EASTER *Egg hunt*



Saturday  
**April 13**

From  
**1pm-3pm**



City of Gillette Animal Shelter ~ 950 West Warlow Drive

Come out to the Animal Shelter for an Easter Egg Hunt! Fun for all ages. Visit the Animal Shelter and hunt for Easter Eggs filled with goodies for your fur babies.

For more information: [www.gillettewy.gov](http://www.gillettewy.gov)

## Drive and Drop Community Clean Up

April 20th ~ April 27th ~ May 4th

- **Date:**04/20/2019 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

### Add to my Calendar

The Community-wide Drive and Drop Spring Clean Up will be held April 20th, April 27th, and May 4th. The sites will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each Saturday of the event. Yard Waste will not be accepted at the Drive and Drop. It can be brought to the Yard Waste Drop Off facility.

### **Locations:**

Sage Valley Junior High – 1000 W. Lakeway Rd.

City West - 611 N. Exchange Ave.

Dalbey Park - Little League Parking Lot

There will be three bins at each location: Municipal Solid Waste, Demo, Metal

This service is not provided to commercial businesses and City crews will not accept building/construction debris.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNITY DRIVE AND DROP:**

#### **The Dos:**

- Bring items to one of the Drive and Drop locations between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Bring Yard Waste to the Yard Waste Facility at 3101 S. Garner Lake Rd.
- Place items in one of three containers:
- \*Container 1: Metal (dishwashers, stoves, barbecue grills, \*lawnmowers, metal bed frames, bicycles, steel pipe, etc.)(\*Note: Oil and gas must be drained from lawnmowers.)
- \*Container 2: Large materials: lumber, large wood items, dressers, bookshelves, wood bed frames, wood desks, clean wood fence posts, etc.
- \*Container 3: Bagged and bundled garbage (paper, plastics, clothing, couches, carpet, plastic swimming pools, etc.)

#### **The Don'ts:**

- Do not bring items to Drive and Drop sites before 8:00 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m.
- Do not bring Yard Waste to Drive and Drop sites.
- Do not bring items on the prohibited list below.

#### **The City WILL NOT accept:**

- Refrigerators and freezers
- Air conditioners
- Water softeners
- Tires

- Vehicle parts
- Paint or paint cans
- Batteries
- Motor oil
- Cooking oil
- Fuel containers
- Propane bottles
- 55 gal. drums
- Hazardous materials
- Debris from commercial businesses
- Sheetrock
- Shingles
- Railroad Ties
- Dirt
- Yard Waste

For more information, contact Communications Manager Geno Palazzari at (307) 686-5393.