

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: May 24, 2019

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **May 25 – May 31, 2019**

Monday, May 27th

Memorial Day Holiday – City Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 28th

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

- A Public Hearing Regarding Assessments for the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Special Improvement District No. 52.
- ACTION ITEM: An Ordinance Confirming the Assessment Roll for the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Special Improvement District No. 52; Assessing the Cost of Construction of the Improvements Against the Lots and Parcels of Land Included Within the District; Prescribing the Manner for Collection and Payment of said Assessments; and Providing for the Notice of Payment of Assessments. (Ordinance – 1st Reading)
- Snow Debrief and Mowing Pre-Brief – Public Works Director Wilde
- Review June 4, 2019 Council Agenda
- Executive Session
- City Hall – 2nd Floor Community Room
- Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.

1. Attached please find a **memorandum** regarding **City Pool Parking Lot Project Update** dated **May 21, 2019** provided by **Development Services Director Muzzarelli**.
2. Attached please find a **letter** regarding **North Antelope/Rochelle Mine** dated **May 15, 2019** provided by the **Department of Environmental Quality**.
3. Attached please find a **press release** regarding **City Offices Closed on Monday May 27th** dated **May 22, 2019** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
4. Attached please find **information** regarding **Notice of Road Closure Wyo 50 – Lakeway South** provided by the **Wyoming Department of Transportation**.
5. Attached please find a **press release** regarding **City Pool to Open May 31st** dated **May 20, 2019** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
6. Attached please find **information** regarding **Railroad Crossings Notification Webpage** dated **May 23, 2019** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
7. Attached please find **information** regarding **Yard Waste Facility Temporary Site** dated **May 24, 2019** provided by **Communications Manager Palazzari**.
8. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **Cheyenne Gained the Most Residents in 2018** dated **May 23, 2019** provided by the **State of Wyoming Economic Analysis Division**.
9. Attached please find a **news release** regarding **BLM Buffalo Field Office Resource Management Plan** dated **May 20, 2019** provided by the **U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management**.

	Special Meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2019 Meeting: 6:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Community Room

Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Community Room

Agenda Topics:

- A Public Hearing Regarding Assessments for the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Special Improvement District No. 52.
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Upcoming Work Session Topics:

June 11 Special Meeting

- ACTION ITEM: Budget Ordinance – 2nd Reading
- Emergency Snow Levels & Road Closures
- Franchise Extension Update
- QPR Training
- Review June 18th Agenda
- Executive Session

June 25

- Review July 2nd Agenda
- Executive Session

July 9

- Tour of Madison Project
- Review July 16th Agenda
- Executive Session

July 23 - Canceled

July 30

- Review August 6th Agenda
- Executive Session

August 13

- Review August 20th Agenda
- Executive Session

August 27

- Review September 3rd Agenda
- Executive Session

September 10

- Benefits Presentation
- Review September 17th Agenda
- Executive Session

September 24

- Review October 1st Agenda
- Executive Session

City/County/Town Budget Meeting

Upcoming Council Pre-Meeting Topics

June 4

- Quarterly Update
 - Gillette Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Budget Amendment Review
- Everbridge Notification System Update
- Review June 4th Agenda
- Executive Session

June 18

- STIP Update – WYDOT
- Review June 18th Agenda
- Executive Session

July 2

- Introduction of New Citizen Advisory Board Members
- Review July 2nd Agenda
- Executive Session

July 16

- NMPP Water Distribution Rates
- Review July 16th Agenda
- Executive Session

August 6

- Review August 6th Agenda
- Executive Session

August 20

- Review August 20th Agenda
- Executive Session

September 3

- Review September 3rd Agenda
- Executive Session

September 17

- Review September 17th Agenda
- Executive Session

Upcoming Activities

May 29 – Council Coffee, 7:00 a.m. at City West, 8:00 a.m. at City Hall

June 10 – Children's Memorial Walkway Remembrance Ceremony, 6:00 p.m., Children's Memorial Garden

June 12-14 – WAM Summer Conference, Sheridan

June 21-22 – Donkey Creek Festival

June 27 – Senior Center Luncheon

July 4 – Closed for July 4th

July 18 – Annual Employee/Advisory Board Picnic, 6:00 p.m., Dalbey Park – Edwards Shelter

New Agenda Items for June 4, 2019

1. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Section 3-36(d) of the Gillette City Code to Change the Fee for a Catering and Malt Beverage Permit to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

(Unfinished Business – Ordinance 2nd Reading)

2. An Ordinance to Amend the District Zoning Map of the City of Gillette, Wyoming, for a Parcel Located in the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 24, T50N, R72W of the 6th P.M., City of Gillette, Wyoming, from M-H, Mobile Home District to C-3, Business and Service District; Subject to all Planning Requirements.

(Unfinished Business – Ordinance 2nd Reading)

3. An Ordinance Confirming the Assessment Roll for the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Special Improvement District No. 52; Assessing the Cost of Construction of the Improvements Against the Lots and Parcels of Land Included Within the District; Prescribing the Manner for Collection and Payment of said Assessments; and Providing for the Notice of Payment of Assessments.

(Unfinished Business – Ordinance 2nd Reading)

4. An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing an Amendment to Ordinance 3661 and Associated Villas at Legacy Ridge Plat to be Known as the Amended Planned Unit Development, the Villas at Legacy Ridge, Phase I, to the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Subject to all Planning Requirements.

(Unfinished Business - Ordinance 3rd Reading)

5. Council Consideration of a Biosolids Disposal Agreement Between the City of Spearfish, South Dakota and the City of Gillette, Wyoming.

(New Business – Minute Action)

6. Council Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement for Design Services Associated with the PAVER Condition Survey Update with TR Consulting Services, LLC, in the Amount of \$63,800.00 (1% Project).

(New Business – Minute Action)

7. An Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of the 15-Foot-Wide General Utility Easement Located in Lot 1, Remington Estates Phase V Subdivision, as Shown on Exhibit "A" Map, in the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Subject to All Planning Requirements.

(New Business – Ordinance 1st Reading)

8. An Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of the Easterly 5' Portion of a 10' Wide Utility Easement Located in Lot 1, Block 8, Rimrock Estates Phase II Subdivision, as Shown on Exhibit "A" Map, in the City of Gillette, Wyoming, Subject to all Planning Requirements.

(New Business – Ordinance 1st Reading)

9. A Public Hearing to Consider the Gillette City Budget for FY2019-2020.

(Public Hearings and Considerations)

10. An Ordinance Providing for the Annual Appropriation of Money for the Maintenance of the City of Gillette, Wyoming, for FY2019-2010.

(Public Hearings and Considerations)



CITY OF GILLETTE

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May 21, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: RY MUZZARELLI, P.E., DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

FROM: JOE SCHOEN, P.E., CITY ENGINEER

RE: City Pool Parking Lot Project Update

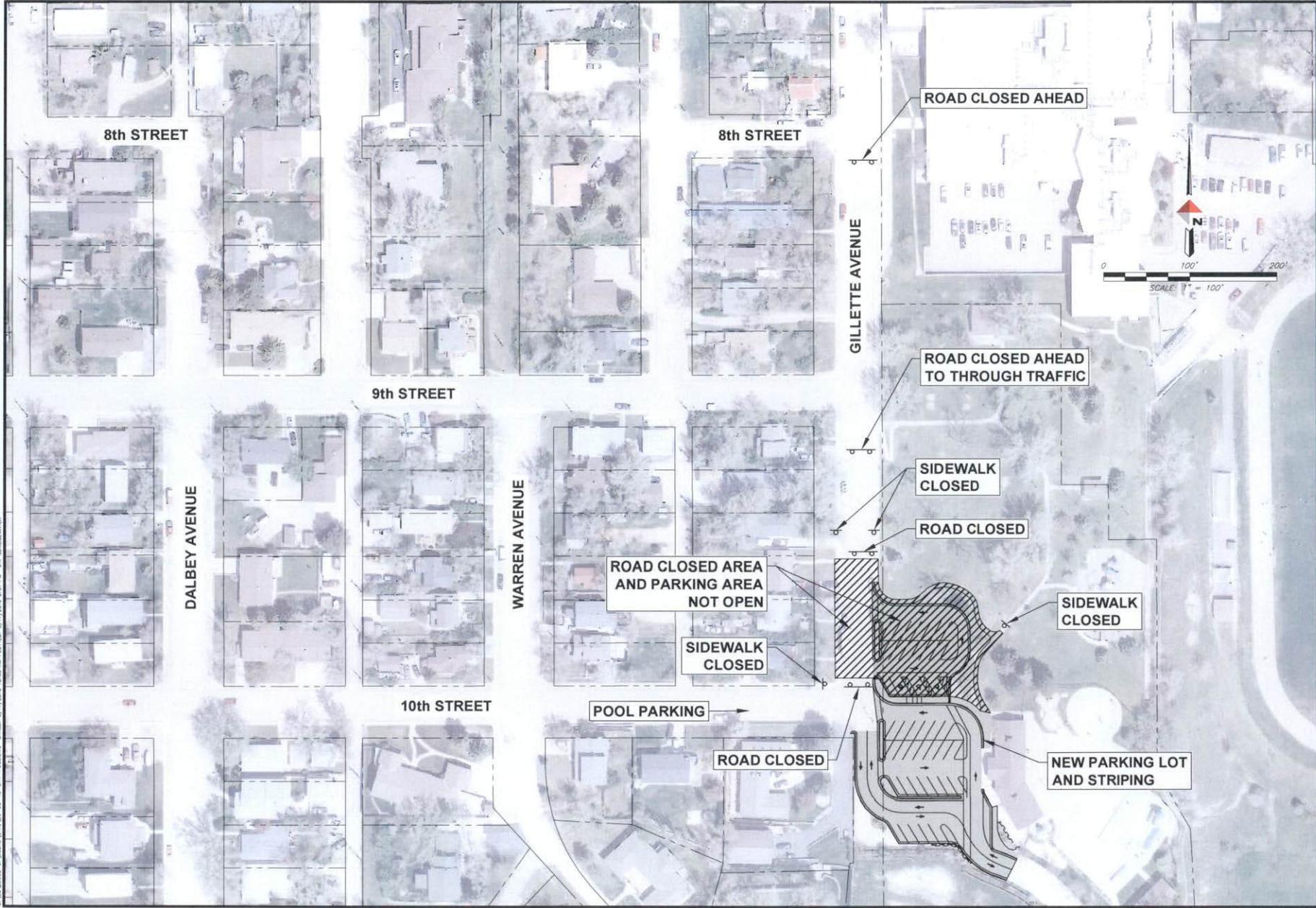
DISCUSSION:

This memo is to provide you with an update on the construction progress of the City Pool Parking Lot Project and show the new layout for the parking lots. The City Pool is anticipating opening to the public on May 31, 2019 due to cooler temperatures. The contractor has been working diligently to take advantage of as many good weather days as possible to get the parking lot open to the public prior to the pool being open. The southern parking lot will be open to the public for parking when the pool is open to the public. Please see the attached map showing the new layout of the parking lot and how everyone can access the pool along 10th St. The newly constructed southern parking lot will be open for use when the pool opens its doors. New paint striping and signage will also be installed to help provide drivers direction on how to navigate through the new parking lot.

We are anticipating having everything completed over the next couple of weeks with all areas open to traffic along Gillette Ave and the north parking lot in mid-June.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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REV.	DESCRIPTION	DATE

**CITY POOL PARKING LOT
CITY OF GILLETTE, WYOMING**

TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

DOWL WWW.DOWL.COM
 1901 Energy Court, #170
 Gillette, Wyoming 82718
 307-686-4161

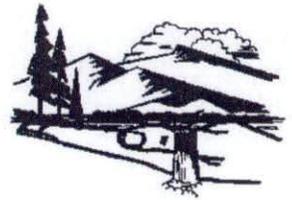
DATE: 05/17/2018
 JOB NO: 2558 2558A-01
 DRAWN BY: CSM
 APPROVED BY: CSM

SHEET NUMBER
 TC-1



Department of Environmental Quality

To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations



Mark Gordon, Governor



Todd Parfitt, Director

May 15, 2019

Mayor/Administrator
City of Gillette
201 East 5th St.
Gillette, WY 82716

RE: Public Notice for Renewal, North Antelope/Rochelle Mine, Permit No. 569-T8; TFN 6 2/346.

Dear Mayor or Administrator:

The Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division (LQD) has determined that the Renewal of North Antelope/Rochelle Mine Permit No. 569-T8 is technically adequate per W.S. § 35-11-406(h). Four weeks of Public Notice followed by four weeks of Public Comment were initiated on May 3, 2019. The public review and comment period will end approximately June 20, 2019. A copy of the Public Notice is attached.

This letter is being sent to you to fulfill the notification requirements of our program per LQD Coal Rules and Regulations, Chapter 12, Section 1(a)(ii). It is being provided for informational purposes and is not a request for review.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this final public process, please contact me at 307-673-9337.

Sincerely,

Josh Malmberg
Natural Resources Analyst

/jm

Attachment: Public Notice
cc: Cheyenne LQD w/o Attachment

bjk
5-16-19

Public Notice

Peabody Powder River Mining, LLC of St. Louis, MO has applied for a coal mining permit renewal from the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Wyoming. The coal mining permit area is located in portions or all of: sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17 and 18, T41N R69W; sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34, T41N R70W; sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, and 25, T41N R71W; sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, T42N R69W; sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, T42N R70W; sections 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, T42N R71W; sections 31 and 32, T43N R70W; and sections 35 and 36, T43N R71W; 6th Principal Meridian located in Campbell and Converse Counties, Wyoming. The North Antelope Rochelle Mine is located approximately 65 miles south of Gillette, Wyoming. This area can be found on the Coal Bank Draw, Dugout Creek North, Piney Canyon SW, Teckla, Teckla SW, Piney Canyon NW, Reno Reservoir and Little Thunder Reservoir USGS quadrangle maps. The original permit to mine was granted in 1984 and is estimated to continue until 2041. The land, after mining, will be returned to grazing land and wildlife habitat. Information regarding this application may be reviewed in the Office of the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality in Cheyenne and Sheridan, Wyoming or the Campbell County Clerk's Office, Gillette, Wyoming and Converse County Clerk's Office, Douglas, Wyoming. Written objections to the proposed mining operation must be received by the Administrator of the Land Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 W. 17th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002, before the close of business June 20, 2019. The Director may hold an informal conference if requested, hear the complaint and take action on the application in accordance with the Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The complainants shall have a right of appeal to the Environmental Quality Council where the complaint will be heard a second time. A conference shall be held if the Director determines that the nature of the complaint or the position of the complainants indicates that an attempt to informally resolve the disputes is preferable to a contested case proceeding. An informal conference or a public hearing shall be held within twenty (20) days after the final date for filing objections unless a different period is stipulated to by the parties. The Council or Director shall publish notice of the time, date and location of the hearing or conference in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed operation once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately prior to the hearing or conference. The hearing would be conducted as a contested case in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act (W.S. §16-3-101 through §16-3-115), and the right of judicial review would be afforded as provided in that act. The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will be mailed a copy of the application mine plan map as given in W.S. §35-11-406(j).

Publication dates: May 3, May 7, May 14 and May 21

by
C-16-19

City Offices Closed on Monday, May 27th

Offices closed for Memorial Day Observance

City of Gillette offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will open for regular business on Tuesday, May 28th.

Post Date: 05/22/2019 4:00 PM

City of Gillette offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will open for regular business on Tuesday, May 28th.

Trash and Recycling that would normally be picked up on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, May 28th along with Tuesday's regular route. Customers should have their roll-out(s) to the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in our country's armed forces. We hope that everyone has a safe holiday weekend and has the opportunity to honor those that gave all in service to our nation.

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

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

WYO 50 ~ Lakeway South

will be closed between
Lakeway Road and Force Road/West 4-J Road
beginning Tuesday, May 28th

A passenger vehicle detour route has been established via Lakeway Rd, Oakcrest Drive, and West 4-J Road.

Local traffic access to Spring Hill Road and Washington Street can be accessed via the intersection of Force Road/West 4-J & WYO 50.

Truck traffic can access South WYO 50 via I-90, WYO 59, Southern Drive and/or Force Road.

WYO 50 intersections of Ledoux Avenue and Hamilton Street will be CLOSED.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



WYDOT PROJECT CONTACTS

Josh Jundt | Resident Engineer | 307-685-5931 | josh.jundt@wyo.gov
Mike Bush | Project Lead | 307-685-3550 | mike.bush@wyo.gov
Laura Dalles | Public Involvement | 307-674-2356 | laura.dalles@wyo.gov



Do You Know What Time It Is? It's Pool Time!

City Pool to open May 31st

The City Pool will open for the season on Friday, May 31st at 1:00 p.m.

Post Date: 05/20/2019 10:00 AM

The City Pool will open for the season on Friday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. The opening of the pool is being delayed due to cold, wet weather in the forecast.

The City Pool provides the public a safe and pleasant water-oriented recreational experience. The pool facility is operated by the Water Division of the Utilities Department. Lifeguards are provided with an agreement with Campbell County Parks and Recreation.

The swimming pool facility includes a deep well for diving, a lap swim area, a zero depth/shallow pool area, a bathhouse, a concession area, a sand playground, climbing structures, and a sunbathing area, as well as extensive landscaping.

The City Pool has an ADA accessible lift to get in and out of the pool.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND IS ON A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE BASIS!

Pool Hours:

****Open Swimming****

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to Noon, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

****Lap Swim****

Monday - Friday, Noon - 1pm

Open Holidays (except 4th of July)

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



Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

Fwd: Gillette, WY: Railroad Crossings Notification Webpage

1 message

Geno Palazzari <GenoP@gillettewy.gov>
To: Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

Thu, May 23, 2019 at 3:50 PM

For GI

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gillette, WY** <onlineservices@gillettewy.gov>
Date: Thu, May 23, 2019, 3:49 PM
Subject: Gillette, WY: Railroad Crossings Notification Webpage
To: <genop@gillettewy.gov>

Railroad Crossings Notification Webpage

Know right away when a train is at Brooks Avenue and/or Burma Avenue

Ever wonder if a train at Brooks or Burma will impede your commute. Now you can find out

Post Date: 05/23/2019 3:30 PM

The City of Gillette Information Technology Division has designed a web application to notify commuters of train activity at the Brooks Avenue and Burma Avenue intersections. When the intersections are clear, the notification is green. When the intersection is occupied, the signals flash red. The web application uses the same technology as the inductor lights on Warlow Drive and 2nd Street - when the railroad crossing arms are lowered or raised, the notification changes.

Railroad Crossings

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Brooks

for 6 hours, 3 minutes
last in use for 20 minutes, 49 seconds



Burma

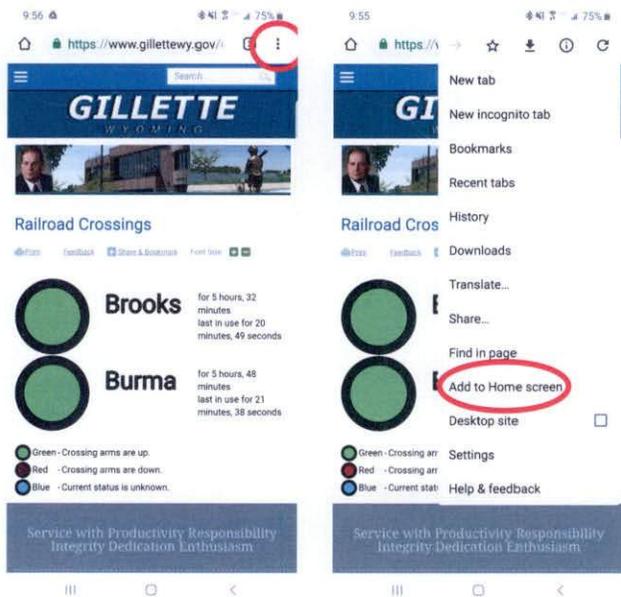
for 1 minute, 40 seconds
last in use for 21 minutes, 38 seconds

-  Green - Crossing arms are up.
-  Red - Crossing arms are down.
-  Blue - Current status is unknown.

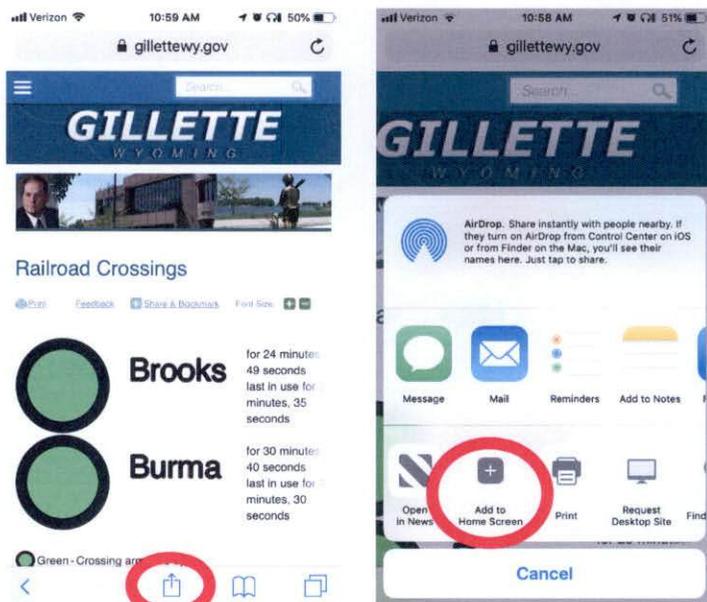
Blinking red signifies railroad crossing arms are down.

For ease of access on your mobile device, you can bookmark the page in your web browser or you can add the page to your home screen. In Chrome, you can do this by pressing the three vertical dots in the upper right corner of the

browser and selecting, "Add to Home screen".



Chrome Browser



Safari Browser

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

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News

Yard Waste Facility Again Accepting Material

Temporary site has been set up

Post Date: 05/24/2019 10:00 AM

The City of Gillette Yard Waste Facility is again accepting material for drop off. A temporary site has been set up. An employee has been stationed at the temporary site to direct customers to the correct area.

The site is directly west of the Wastewater Treatment Plant on the access road to the regular Yard Waste site at 3101 South Garner Lake Road.



Customers that would like to purchase compost and wood chips can visit the same location and will be directed to the proper location by the employee on site.

For more information, contact the Yard Waste Facility at (307) 686-5274.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Contact: Dr. Wenlin Liu, Chief Economist

Cheyenne Gained the Most Residents in 2018

CHEYENNE – About three-fourths of larger cities and towns in Wyoming lost residents between July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018, according to population estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau. These estimates provide a look at how the population has changed in each of Wyoming’s incorporated places since the 2010 Census.

For cities and towns with population over 2,000, Cheyenne demonstrated the fastest annual growth rate of 0.6 percent, followed by Cody (0.5%), Mills (0.4%), and Buffalo (0.4%). The state’s most populous city, Cheyenne, also added the most residents (370). Six cities and towns experienced population losses of at least 1.2 percent, led by Thermopolis’s decrease of 2.8 percent or 81 residents. Casper and Rock Springs lost the most population during the year, at -351 and -291, respectively.

As of July 1, 2018, 68.8 percent, or 397,611 people in Wyoming lived in incorporated places. Over 47 percent of the State’s residents lived in ten cities with population of more than 10,000. Because of the moderate recovery in the energy industry, Wyoming’s total population in 2018 was 1,197 less than the previous year (or -0.2%). In comparison, the previous year’s decline was 5,356 residents or 0.9 percent. However, the contraction rate in the 99 cities and towns, together, was 0.3 percent between July 2017 and July 2018.

July 2018 Population and Change (numerical & percent) from July 2017 for Large Cities and Towns (2,000 or more)

Rank by Population Size		Rank by Population Change		Rank by Percent Change	
Cheyenne city	63,957	Cheyenne city	370	Cheyenne city	0.6
Casper city	57,461	Laramie city	63	Cody city	0.5
Laramie city	32,473	Cody city	46	Mills town	0.4
Gillette city	31,903	Buffalo city	16	Buffalo city	0.4
Rock Springs city	23,082	Mills town	15	Laramie city	0.2
Sheridan city	17,849	Sheridan city	4	Powell city	0.1
Green River city	11,978	Powell city	4	Afton town	0.0
Evanston city	11,704	Afton town	1	Sheridan city	0.0
Riverton city	10,996	Lovell town	-1	Lovell town	0.0
Jackson town	10,429	Lyman town	-4	Lyman town	-0.2
Cody city	9,828	Newcastle city	-10	Torrington city	-0.2
Rawlins city	8,658	Bar Nunn town	-10	Newcastle city	-0.3
Lander city	7,503	Wheatland town	-12	Wheatland town	-0.3
Torrington city	6,701	Kemmerer city	-13	Bar Nunn town	-0.4
Powell city	6,310	Torrington city	-14	Gillette city	-0.4
Douglas city	6,273	Evansville town	-16	Kemmerer city	-0.5
Worland city	5,075	Glenrock town	-20	Evansville town	-0.5
Buffalo city	4,573	Douglas city	-46	Casper city	-0.6
Mills town	3,915	Lander city	-53	Riverton city	-0.7
Wheatland town	3,553	Riverton city	-77	Lander city	-0.7
Newcastle city	3,402	Thermopolis town	-81	Douglas city	-0.7
Evansville town	2,934	Worland city	-98	Glenrock town	-0.8
Thermopolis town	2,850	Green River city	-101	Green River city	-0.8
Bar Nunn town	2,761	Jackson town	-123	Jackson town	-1.2
Kemmerer city	2,734	Gillette city	-134	Evanston city	-1.2
Glenrock town	2,554	Evanston city	-143	Rock Springs city	-1.2
Lovell town	2,386	Rawlins city	-159	Rawlins city	-1.8
Lyman town	2,065	Rock Springs city	-291	Worland city	-1.9
Afton town	2,006	Casper city	-351	Thermopolis town	-2.8

<http://eadiv.state.wy.us/pop/Place-18EST.pdf>

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Chief Economist

State of Wyoming

Economic Analysis Division

2800 Central Avenue

Cheyenne, WY 82002

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U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

News Release

Buffalo Field Office, Wyoming

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 20, 2019

Contact: Courtney Whiteman, cwhiteman@blm.gov, 307-775-6184

BLM releases draft supplemental environmental impact statement, potential amendment for Buffalo Field Office resource management plan

BUFFALO, Wyo. – The Bureau of Land Management Wyoming today published a draft supplemental environmental impact statement that augments analysis for the 2015 Buffalo Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan. The BLM is preparing this analysis in response to an order from the U.S. District Court in Montana, which directed the BLM to supplement the approved RMP through an analysis that considers reducing available coal and accounts for impacts from climate change and downstream combustion.

The BLM will accept public comment on the draft supplemental EIS until August 15. The draft supplemental EIS provides updated information and additional analysis to guide land use planning decisions on coal, oil and gas, and to determine what federal coal should be made available for leasing.

The BLM will provide the planning documents and a portal to submit comments at the project's ePlanning website, <https://go.usa.gov/xP6S3>. The ePlanning server is currently experiencing technical difficulties, which should be resolved shortly; in the meantime, please visit <https://go.usa.gov/xmvsW> to review the document. On June 27 from 4 to 7 p.m., the BLM will hold a public meeting at the Campbell County Library in Gillette, Wyo., to answer questions and provide more information on the project. For more information, contact Tom Bills at 307-684-1133.

– BLM –

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$96 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2017. These activities supported more than 468,000 jobs.