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**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
AND
COLLABORATION SUMMARY**

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Tekla Osage Rapid City (T-O-RC) 230Kv Transmission Line Project

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During the development of the EIS, collaborative efforts were made to involve, interact, and cooperate with individuals and groups interested in the T-O-RC Project. This scoping effort included public scoping and agency coordination as discussed below.

Scoping is the process of obtaining public comments about proposed federal actions to determine the breadth of issues to be addressed by project actions. Comments on the proposed action, potential concerns, and opportunities for managing the T-O-RC Project area were solicited from members of the public, American Indian Tribes, other public agencies, adjacent property owners, organizations, and Forest Service specialists.

A scoping letter was mailed to approximately 3,000 potentially interested parties, including adjacent landowners, Tribes, and State and local governments, beginning in August 2011. This letter included a description of the project area, an overview of the NEPA process, a general explanation of the actions proposed and the reasons for the proposal, and an invitation to comment. Two public meetings were held to explain the proposal to the public, and to take comment. A total of 41 members of the public attended these meetings, which were held in Newcastle, Wyoming on September 13, 2011, and in Rapid City, South Dakota on September 20, 2011.

The Project was entered into the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) in July 2011. The SOPA contains a list of Forest Service proposed actions that will soon begin or are undergoing environmental analysis and documentation. It provides information so the public can become aware of and indicate interest on specific proposals (located on-line at www.fs.fed.us/sopa).

The Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register on Friday, August 26, 2011. This provided official notification that the public comment period for the T-O-RC Project area would conclude on October 28, 2011.

USFS also hosted an Interagency Scoping meeting in South Dakota on September, 20, 2011 held at the Black Hills National Forest, Mystic Ranger District Office. The purpose of the meeting was to give an overview of the proposed project and provide an opportunity for the agency representatives to ask questions and provide their comments on project issues. Five agency representatives attended and provided scoping comments from the following agencies:

- South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks – Wildlife Division
- South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks – Trails Division
- South Dakota Department of Transportation
- Pennington County Planning and Zoning
- Wyoming State Forestry

COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments were received verbally and in writing at the public and agency meetings and via postal mail, e-mail, and telephone. Below is a list of respondents and associated comment number(s) regarding the T-ORC Project. Comments and agency responses are summarized in the Scoping database in the Project file.

Comment Code Number	Last Name	First Name
1	Sedgwick	Leonard A & Alice
2	Zink	Thomas A & Emma Y
3	Wolfe	Carol
4	Wood	Dale
5	Whitcomb	Alberta L
6	Watson	Florence R
7	Triplett	John & Mary
8	Spears	Guy H Jr & Karen E
9	Sloggett	Craig
10	Ralston	James C & Nicki L
11	Purcelli	Neal
12	McLaughlin	Roderick
13	Logan	Patrick J & Connie
14	Kiesling	Edward C & Beverly
15	Kachelhoffer	David D & Joni B
16	Hansen	Carl W
17	Gray	Gary L
18	Daniels	John & Jane
19	Curley	William H Iii
20	Childs	Louis R
21	Ackerman	Karen M
22	Hoffman	Kenneth
23	Fortin	Curtis C
24	Nelson	Lynn & Toni
25	Anderson	Jill S
26	Brickey	Jim
27	Buehler	Johnny D, Jr.
28	Burns	William J & Donna M
29	Dejmek	Homer W & Margaret E
30	Donguelli	Roy A & Shirley
31	Gill	Roy
32	Gualtieri	Christopher J
33	Hagerman	Bill D & Pauline G
34	Harshbarger	Jean
35	Howard	Bruce K
36	Hughes	Douglas B
37	Jenkins	Walter & Virginia
38	Lake	Lyle

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Comment Code Number	Last Name	First Name
39	Olson	Rich & Sandy
40	Henry	Donald & Christina Anderson
41	Fuller	Dorothy P & William H
42	Highfill	Dean H & Nancy C
43	Love	Murphy L
44	Moody	Ronald R & Dixie R
45	Petersen	Kipp A & Sandra A
46	Spencer	John E & Phyllis R
47	Simmons	Margaret E & Robert
48	Smith	Charles W Jr & Patricia
49	Thurner	Gary L & Winter Christine J
50	Valencourt	Lawrence R
51	White	Ronald D & Sherri K
52	Wilson	Steve E
53	Aust	Brian S & Dee Mann
54	Wahlstrom	Catherine & Richard
55	Musilek	Carolyn
56	Mumm	Rhonda
57	Miller	Ben P
58	Schultz	Ted F
59	Bk1492 (via Email)	n/a
60	Whitney	Ilene F
61	Pederson	Julie
62	Hedding	John R
63	Nelson	William R & Shirley A
64	Funk	Wendell
65	Hemler	Ellis
66	Ackerman	William V
67	Ahlers	Richard
68	Morgan	Barbara Et Al
69	Boerge	Eric
70	Klingberg	Lawrence E
71	Winters	Angela
72	Wagoner	Ed & Marjorie
74	Olson	Doug & Michelle
75	Lawrence	Willis A
76	Larsen	Caroline & Peter
77	Johnson	Carolyn
78	McLaws	Roy
79	Curl	Everett & Trina
80	Bush	Arlene & Bob
81	Bayne	Louise M
82	Tunnell	Irene

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Comment Code Number	Last Name	First Name
83	Harkins	Judy L
84	Miles	Lance
85	Kaubisch	Steve
86	Crow	Barbara
87	Prostrollo & Wehmhoefer	Gail & Rick
88	Prostrollo	Beverly
89	Baldwin	Mike
91	Laffey	Ruth M
92	Ruddeforth	Mark
93	Edwards	Tom
94	Shepperson	Jerry
95	Dilts	Jerry
90a	Curl	Everett & Trina
90b	Olson	Doug & Michelle
90c	Schwochow	Dale
90d	King	George
90e	Henry	Donald
A-Sd-1	Larson	Scott V
A-Sd-2	Atkins	Marian M
A-Sd-3	Vonk	Jeffrey R
A-Sd-4	Bohan	Suzanne J
A-Wy-1	Haagenson	Bill
A-Wy-2	Emmerich	John
A-Wy-3	Sattelberg	R Mark
A-Wy-4	Harich	Wallace
A-Wy-5	Gillett	Mark A

DISTRIBUTION LIST

State and Local Elected Officials

South Dakota

- Mayor of Rapid City, Sam Kooiker
- Mayor of Hill City, Dave Gray
- Governor, Dennis Daugaard
- Representative Blaine Campbell
- Representative Brian Gosch
- Representative Dan Dryden
- Representative David Lust
- Representative Dean Wink
- Representative Don Kopp
- Representative Elizabeth May
- Representative Gary L Cammack
- Representative Jacqueline Sly
- Representative Kevin Killer
- Representative Kristin Conzet
- Representative Lance Russell
- Representative Mike Verchio
- Representative Scott Craig
- Senator Bruce Rampelberg

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- Senator Craig Tieszen
- Senator Jim Bradford
- Senator Larry Rhoden
- Senator Mark Kirkeby
- Senator Phil Jensen
- Senator Stanford Adelstein
- U.S. Representative Kristi Noem
- U.S. Senator John Thune
- U.S. Senator Tim Johnson

Wyoming

- Mayor of Newcastle, Greg James
- Mayor of Upton, Don Sharkey
- Governor Matt Mead
- Representative Erin E. Mercer
- Representative Mark A. Semlek
- Representative Ross Diercks
- Representative Sue Wallis
- Representative Thomas E. Lubnau II
- Representative Timothy P. Hallinan
- Senator Charles Townsend
- Senator Curt Meier
- Senator John J. Hines
- Senator Michael Von Flatern
- Senator Ogden Driskill
- U.S. Representative Cynthia Lummis
- U.S. Senator John Barrasso
- U.S. Senator Michael B. Enzi

Native American Tribes

- Tribal Chairman, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Cultural Program Administrator, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Governor, Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma
- Cultural & Heritage Program, Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma
- Chairman, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Chairman, Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- Historical Preservation Office, Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- Tribal Chairman, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
- Kiowa Ethnographic Endeavor for Preservation
- Tribal Chair, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
- Acting Director of Cultural Resources, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation
- Tribal Chairman, Northern Arapaho Tribe
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Northern Arapaho Tribe
- President, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
- EPA Director, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
- President, Oglala Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Oglala Sioux Tribe
- President, Rosebud Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Rosebud Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Chairman, Santee Sioux Nation
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council Office
- Tribal Chairman, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe

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- Tribal Chairperson, Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Environmental Protection Specialist, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Chairman, Yankton Sioux Tribe
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Yankton Sioux Tribe
- Cultural Resource Committee, Fort Peck Agency, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribe

Federal, State, Local and County Agencies

- Black Hills Council of Local Governments
- Campbell County Commissioners
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Pennington County Commissioners
- Pennington County Highway Department
- Pennington County Planning and Zoning
- Planning and Review Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Rapid City Chamber of Commerce
- Rapid City Public Library
- South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks
- South Dakota State Historic Preservation Center
- South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- South Dakota Department of Transportation
- South Dakota Department of Water and Environmental Resources
- South Dakota Division of Forestry
- South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
- US Bureau of Land Management
- US Bureau of Reclamation
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Weston County Commissioners
- Wyoming Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
- Wyoming Department of Revenue
- Wyoming Department of Transportation
- Wyoming Game & Fish Department
- Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments
- Wyoming State Engineer's Office
- Wyoming State Geological Survey
- Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office

General Public and Groups Not Listed Above

Also, other groups or individuals who are known to have or may have interest in management of the National Forest (and specifically this Project area) were included on a mailing list and contacted with a scoping letter. The mailing list is held in the T-O-RC Project file.

ADDITIONAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION

A concerted effort was made to engage in consultation regarding the Project with Tribal contacts known to have interest in management of the National Forest. Tribal authorities have been invited to participate in the development of a programmatic agreement for this Project.