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Wild and Scenic Rosebud on the move

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The East Rosebud Wild & Scenic Bill got re-introduced March 6, only two months into the new 2017/18 Congress. Senate Bill S.501, the East Rosebud Wild & Scenic Rivers Act was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Frank Annighofer, Vice-President of Friends of East Rosebud said, "We are very thankful to our Senators Tester and Daines for reintroducing the East Rosebud Bill".

According to Annighofer, Senator Jon Tester's aide informed him, "Good news! We'll be dropping the bill again this Thursday, with Senator Daines as an original

cosponsor. We're dropping the text as it passed out of committee last year, and will work to have it included in an Energy and Natural Resources Committee that's expected to come up in the next few weeks to move legislation from last Congress through quickly. We're excited to keep pushing this across the finish line, and after it comes out of Committee, which should be pretty painless, we'll again look for vehicles to get it across the finish line."

"Similar East Rosebud bills had been introduced in 2015 and 2013 but never made it to the final Presidential Signature. The 2015 Bill had passed the Senate Committee unanimously last year. Unfortunately it was too late in the process to come to a floor vote," said Annighofer.

CCN 2-16-17 Meeting to be held to discuss Wild & Scenic Rivers

USFS Plan Revision meeting to Review Wild & Scenic Rivers Process & Definitions through March 3, 2017 will take place in Red Lodge at the Carbon County Fairgrounds, Edgar Guell Building (Airport Road) Feb. 27, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. with a collaborative session Feb. 28, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and follow-up public meeting 5:15 p.m. - 7 p.m. These meetings are designed to offer an array of involvement options from an evening public meeting to more

in-depth collaborative sessions with a focus on creating desired conditions, or the vision for the future land management. The Wild & Scenic Rivers Process, including definitions for Outstanding Remarkable Values (ORV's) and the Region of Comparison is out for review.

"Outstanding Remarkable Value definitions start from our regulations and then are able to be customized to the local setting." said Virginia Kelly Forest

Plan Revision Team Leader. "The Region of Comparison is a context or area of land in which to examine the rivers on national forest system lands determining what is remarkable within that context."

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