

Meeting Notes

Organization: Buffalo Chamber of Commerce (COC)

Location: Buffalo, WY

Date: January 15, 2009

Attendees:

Irene Yu, NRC
Nancy Barker, VHB
Margaret Dunfee, COC
Sue Engelhardt, COC
Lace Schiffu, COC
Travis Lawrence, COC
Katrina Anton, COC
Olin Turner, COC
Laura D., COC
Pam McFadden, COC
Dan Kavanaugh, COC

Purpose:

To discuss possible impacts of Nichols Ranch project to county population, jobs, schools, housing, transportation, and services

Discussion:

- Main concerns are impacts to wildlife, sage grouse
- Kaycee doesn't have the housing capacity and services as Buffalo
- Cogema had man camp with vans driving employees to and from site
- County schools
 - Can handle more students
 - New junior high school
 - 2 high schools in county – Buffalo, Kaycee
- Coal gasification project going on in Lake District which is about 10 miles north of Nichols Ranch
- RV parks and motels still have ample space
- 34 single family homes are still available in Buffalo
- CBM projects are tapering off
- Police and sheriff workforce are well staffed
- Low crime rate in county
- Population numbers fluctuate with the industries boom and busts
- Unlike other towns, Buffalo's population is not tied up in one industry

Questions:

None

Action Items:

None

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