PUBLIC NOTICE

Final Public Notice

The Lower Nowood District is seeking financial assistance from USDA, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for construction of a new drinking water distribution system. The proposed project consists of construction and installation of [1] a drinking water source (well); [2] a drinking water storage tank; [3] a drinking water well house with appurtenances; and [4] all the associated drinking water distribution piping.

RUS has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the proposed drinking water distribution system would have no adverse effects to any Wetlands, 100-year Floodplain, Historic Properties, or Wildlife. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the Agency is notifying the interested public of this potential land conversion. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this potential conversion or effect and that there is a significant need for the proposal.

RUS required Lower Nowood District to notify the public of this potential conversion or effect to the floodplain and those notices were published on October 11, 2016. No comments were received in response to those notices.

The environmental documentation regarding this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is available for review at USDA, Rural Development, Wyoming State Office, 100 E B Street, Casper, WY 82602. For questions regarding this proposal, contact Ryan Urbanec at 307-233-6722.

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