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WGFD TO DISCUSS WYOMING RANGE DEER

JACKSON – The Wyoming Game and Fish Department will be hosting their first round of public workshops to discuss management of the Wyoming Range mule deer herd in southwestern Wyoming. Local wildlife managers will provide both historical and current information on the state’s largest mule deer herd and look to hear issues important to the public. These will be the first in a series of public meetings designed to develop a new management plan for the Wyoming Range mule deer herd. All meetings will be from 6:00PM – 9:00PM at the following locations:

June 21: Marbleton Town Hall

June 22: Afton Civic Center

June 23: Kemmerer, Best Western

June 24: Green River, Western Wyoming Community College

This public involvement process and resulting management plan will be the first to be launched under direction of the state’s Mule Deer Initiative. The Wyoming Mule Deer Initiative is a statewide framework designed to address declining mule deer populations, particularly over the last two decades. These declines are not unique to Wyoming, but have been seen throughout the West.

Additional topics for the meetings will include an overview of a recently completed survey of hunters’ attitudes regarding the Wyoming Range deer herd. There will also be discussion of the current deer habitat conditions, particularly winter range, which is typically a limiting factor for most big game populations.

There will also be time scheduled for participants to provide feedback on what they

believe to be the most pressing issues facing the Wyoming Range deer herd. “The first half of the meeting is designed to provide everyone with the most pertinent information we have about the Wyoming Range deer herd today,” said Wyoming Game and Fish Department Assistant Wildlife Division Chief, Bill Rudd. “This should provide a good foundation for group discussions in the second half of the meetings. We have designed these meetings for good public interaction and we hope to get a lot of people to participate.”

If you have any questions feel free to contact Susan Boston at 307-777-4661 or your local Game and Fish regional office.

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