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To: ALL CHAIRMAN & MANAGERS of CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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From: Richard Ladwig, Chairman Niobrara County Commissioners
Matt Dockery, Chairman Niobrara Conservation District

Subjects: Land Use Planning Workshop

Land Use Plans are typically thought of as the general planning documents that counties use to determine zoning, public services and transportation. These types of plans apply to land within the counties jurisdiction and are based on specific state statues. Many rural counties and conservation districts have officially adopted separate plans that apply to the surrounding federal land and the local government's position on federal decisions.

Niobrara County is pleased to host Karen Budd-Falen as the lead in a local land use planning workshop in Lusk, WY on January 23, 2018 at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds at 1 p.m. This workshop is specifically meant for county government officials. Karen represents private property owners, ranching and farming organizations and local governments. She has assisted local governments in asserting their rights of cooperation and coordination in federal agency decisions and private property owners in protecting their constitutionally guaranteed property rights.

The socioeconomic well-being, health, safety and culture of a rural area can strongly be impacted by the management of public lands. Local governments are generally required by state law to oversee the economic, social and general wellbeing of the people and resources that are in their jurisdiction, while conservation districts are required to protect the stability and health of the soil and water.

While one may think that the local land use plan is good enough, Karen and her firm specialize in the development of robust land use plans that encompass many aspects. The Niobrara Conservation District and Niobrara County Commissioners feel that all the counties and even neighboring states can benefit from having similar plans that address all the issues we may face within the region. Impacts from management doesn't stop at

the county line or state border. We all need to work together to protect and enhance what we cherish.

Please RSVP to lshaw@wyoming.com so we can set up in a venue to adequately address the needs of the group.