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INITIAL SELECTIONS MADE FOR RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD AT BLACK HILLS ARMY DEPOT

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The selection panel for the former Black Hills Army Depot (BHAD) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met Aug. 23, made initial RAB selections, and issues an invitation for additional nominations.

The initial RAB selectees and the organizations they represent are: Vern Ernst, Edgemont Area Chamber of Commerce; Donald Jacobs, Provo Township; Katherine Shaw, City of Edgemont; Mark Lawrensen, South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Erv Heimbuck, Fall River County Commissioner; Leslie L. Heindel, Fall River Soil Conservation District; Bob Childress, U.S. Forest Service; Bob Dworkin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The panel plans to select additional initial RAB members. Members of the public and organizations who would like to be considered for RAB membership are invited to complete an interest questionnaire and return it by Sept. 7 to Erv Heimbuck, 101 North 5th Street, Hot Springs, SD 57747 or FAX (605) 745-3855.

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Questionnaires are available at the Edgemont City Hall, the Provo Post Office, Edgemont Herald Tribune Office, Fall River County Auditor's Office or by calling Barb Bryan (605) 662-7201, Erv Heimbuck (605) 745-4029, or the Corps of Engineers (402) 221-3916.

Additional initial members will be selected by Sept. 9.

The first RAB meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15 at the St. James Parish Center. It will focus on membership responsibilities and the RAB process.

The RAB is being established to expand community involvement in the environmental investigation of the former Black Hills Army Depot.

The RAB selection panel is comprised of Erv Heimbuck, Fall River County Commissioner; Kenneth Barker, Fall River County Commissioner; Franklin Manke, Mayor of Edgemont; and Barb Bryan, Publisher/Editor, Edgemont Herald Tribune.

Those interested in applying for nomination to the RAB should keep the following points in mind:

-- The RAB is an advisory body designed to act as a focal point for the exchange of information between the governmental agencies and the local community.

-- RAB members are not financially compensated.

-- RAB members will be asked to meet regularly and review and comment on technical documents and plans relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at the former BHAD.

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-- Members will be expected to serve as a liaison with the community and be available to meet with community members and groups. Membership terms will be decided by the RAB.

-- All RAB meetings will be open to the public. Non-RAB attendees will be allotted time for input and discussion. Technical support staff will be available to provide information and explanation to RAB members.

-- All RAB members are equal. Members provide individual advice to government decision-makers. RAB is not a decision-making body.

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