

**Carbon County**

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## **Carbon County Natural Resource Management Plan**

The Carbon County Board of County Commissioners (County) is in the process of developing a draft Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) for the county. The County has hired Y2 Consultants and Falen Law Offices to work with a County appointed steering committee to develop the NRMP following the guidelines set forth by the Wyoming Governor's Office and the Wyoming County Commissioner's Association. The County is developing this Plan as a tool which allows a local government to have a substantive impact on federal decisions, plans, policies, and programs. Federal agencies' consideration of a local natural resource management plan, or resource plan, can play a key role in the success of a local government engaging as a cooperative agency or with consistency review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), coordination under the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), or National Forest Management Act (NFMA) as well as assisting in the Governor's consistency review. Further information on the NRMP process can be found at <https://www.carbonwy.com/>

In an effort to acquire public input and provide information about the purpose and intent of the NRMP, the County will be hosting a virtual public informational meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m. This public meeting will take place virtually via Zoom and will include a presentation followed by an open question and answer session.

Please register for the meeting at this link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkdOiprT0oGN3hl6PTKjIS3XOd1H9qNC2P>

In order to help guarantee access for all residents, the Zoom meeting will be available for viewing at the following locations throughout the county.

- Rawlins – Jeffrey Memorial Community Center
- Saratoga – Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District Office
- Medicine Bow – Medicine Bow Conservation District Office

Public comments or questions regarding this plan can be submitted via email to [CarbonCoNRMP@y2consultants.com](mailto:CarbonCoNRMP@y2consultants.com) or can be submitted to the Carbon County Clerk's Office,

the Medicine Bow Conservation District Office, Saratoga-Rawlins-Encampment Conservation District Office, or the Little Snake River Conservation District Office.

The complete draft of the NRMP is expected to be released in early February 2021 after which a 30-day public comment period and public meetings will be held. More information on specific dates for the public comment period and public meetings will be available at a later date.