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## Invitation to Attend the Thunder Basin Collaborative Learning Workshop

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I'm writing to invite you to join the third collaborative learning workshop to gather substantive information and local insights about the past, present, and future of the Thunder Basin National Grassland.

In 2015, the U.S. Forest Service, which manages the Grassland, asked the University of Wyoming Ruckelshaus Institute to undertake a situation assessment to explore stakeholder perspectives regarding prairie dog issues and the possibility for engaging in a collaborative process on the Thunder Basin National Grassland. Based on the input we received, we recommended that the Forest Service convene a collaborative process that would allow stakeholders to find effective solutions. The report is available on the project's website, provided below.

In January the first of three workshops was held in Douglas, Wyoming. The history and values surrounding the Grassland were discussed. Current available science and current conditions were discussed at the March meeting in Newcastle, Wyoming.

At this third collaborative learning workshop, stakeholders will explore recent scientific research of the area and discuss future desired conditions for the Grassland. Your observations, input, and experiences are welcomed. These will be highly interactive workshops and allow all stakeholders to provide meaningful input.

The Thunder Basin Collaborative Learning Workshop Series will be held as follows:

Date and Location	Workshop Topic
Thursday May 19, 2016, 1-4 pm George Amos Memorial Building 412 South Gillette Ave. Gillette, Wyoming  Free parking available on parking ramp located on S. Warren Ave. between W. 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Streets.	What are the ecological, social and economic conditions that we desire for the Thunder Basin National Grassland?

We hope you can join the learning sessions about this important landscape. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (307) 766-5048. You can also find information on our website: [bit.ly/thunder-basin](http://bit.ly/thunder-basin)

Sincerely,

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