

**File Code:** 2160  
**Date:** August 20, 2018

Dear Neighbor,

The United States Forest Service (USFS) is preparing to implement the Remedial Action-Construction as part of the Comprehensive Environmental Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) response action for the Nemo Work Center and affected residents. This project involves the construction of an upgraded water distribution system that will provide potable water to the affected members of the Nemo community. The construction activities (trenching and installation of water pipes, meters and valves) will include work along Nemo Road and will result in short water outages during construction.

### **Anticipated Schedule**

- Mobilization for Construction - Week of August 20, 2018;
- Trenching and Pipe Installation– Mid-September to mid October 2018;
- Installation of Curb Stops and Service Connections – Mid- to late- October 2018
- Surface Restoration – Mid-October to early-November 2018.

### **Interruptions to Water Service**

Brief interruptions to water service are anticipated the week of August 20, 2018 to install the temporary water distribution system that will be used by the residents during construction, and mid- to late-October 2018 to connect residents to the permanent water distribution system. Affected users will be notified between 48 and 24 hours before the anticipated outages with a written door hanger, in addition to verbal notifications immediately before the outage occurs.

### **Potable Water Source During Construction**

The source of potable water during construction will be the same USFS groundwater wells and storage tanks that currently supply the affected users and will be provided with the same pressurization system you are currently experiencing. The temporary potable water piping will run along the ground surface and will connect to external faucets of some households, while other households will be connected at remote locations. These connections will remain in-place and undergo periodic inspections during the construction period described above. Notifications to residents will provide contact information should any service issues be encountered.

### **Construction Management Plans**

The USFS Construction Team has developed project-specific plans for construction quality control, health and safety, storm water, traffic control, and temporary water during construction. In addition, construction plans and specifications as well as permits required by Lawrence County and the State of South Dakota have been approved for the action. The Black Hills National Forest Remedial Project Manager (RPM) and Lead Inspector will oversee construction operations and quality assurance for the project.



Preliminary plans for these activities were presented to the community at the Nemo Community Center on March 15, 2018. The public meeting minutes and follow-up questions and answers are posted on the Nemo Work Center Administrative Record website (<http://www.nemoadministrativerecord.com/>).

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (605) 673-9204.

Sincerely,

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