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**High Plains Economic Development District presents
“Southeast Wyoming Oil Seminar Series: Part II”**

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WHEATLAND, WY October - The High Plains Economic Development District, which coordinates economic development in southeast Wyoming, will host the Southeast Wyoming Oil Seminar Series: Part II on Nov. 3 in Cheyenne and Nov. 4 in Wheatland and Torrington.

The first part of the series was held August 31 and September 1 and was a broad introduction to the oil exploration in the Niobrara formation in southeast Wyoming with speakers from industry, state agencies, and other counties which have had impacts from oil and gas.

Part II of the seminar series is based off of the success of the first series, and the continued level of interest for more information.

“We saw the next need for the seminar series is to address concerns that may particularly interest landowners. Due to the high level of private land ownership in the region, they are the ones negotiating contracts, having seismic testing done, and considering potential water usage,” said Anja Bendel, Executive Director of the High Plains Economic Development District.

The seminar will have speakers from two law firms to discuss negotiations and contracts, the State Engineer’s Office to discuss ground water and surface water and how to obtain temporary use agreements, and a geologist to discuss seismic testing along with a video showing the process. To help put everything into context, Steve Barbour, a rancher from the Gillette area, will share his family’s personal experience dealing with energy development on their property and in their community. The speaker panel will present in three locations:

Cheyenne: November 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
East High School Auditorium, 2800 E. Pershing Blvd

Wheatland: November 4, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Platte County Fair and Rodeo Arena, 4-H Building, 59 Antelope Gap Rd.

Torrington: November 4, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Goshen County Fair Grounds, Rendezvous Center, 7078 Fairgrounds Rd. (Hwy 26 West)

This District event is in partnership with Cheyenne LEADS, Goshen County Economic Development, Platte County Economic Development, Building the Wyoming We Want: The High Plains Initiative, and Platte, Laramie, and Goshen counties.

ABOUT THE HIGH PLAINS ECONOMIC DISTRICT

The District covers the four counties in southeast Wyoming, Albany, Goshen, Laramie, and Platte. It was created in 1996 with Platte and Goshen Counties and expanded in 2002 to include Laramie and Albany counties. The District is federally recognized through the Economic Development Administration, and its

mission is to enhance and regionalize the economic development efforts in the four counties through planning, coordination, advocacy, and resource development.