

News Release  
USDA Forest Service  
Bighorn National Forest

Contact: Powder River Ranger District 307.684.7806 or Susie Douglas 307.674.2658

Rent a historic cabin in the Bighorn National Forest for a special recreation experience

Buffalo, Wyo. (September 16, 2014) Two historic cabins in the Bighorn National Forest are available for year-round rental.

The Pole Creek Cabin, located about 22 miles west of Buffalo, is situated along a winter snowmobile trail and within the Pole Creek Cross Country Ski Area, making it ideal for winter users. In the fall, it's a great spot for a hunting camp.

The Pole Creek Cabin has two rooms and can accommodate four to six people. A wood stove and a small kitchen stocked with basic utensils are provided. A fire ring, picnic table, and outhouse are located nearby. Water, electricity, and trash service are not available, and guests should consider packing a cooking stove and the gear they would take on a regular camping trip. Firewood is not provided.

The Pole Creek Cabin was built in the 1950s by the Boy Scouts for a summer camp retreat. The cabin, which rents for \$35 per night, was refurbished in 2012. The road to the cabin is not plowed, so winter access is over snow using skis, snowshoes, or snowmobiles.

Those seeking a facility with a slightly less rustic flavor would enjoy the Muddy Guard Cabin. This 1930s-era structure was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and originally used as a Forest Service guard station. Muddy Guard is located 24 miles west of Buffalo. Winter access to the cabin is by cross country skis, snowmobile, or snowshoes along a 200-yard stretch of road.

The Muddy Guard Cabin consists of two bedrooms that can accommodate up to six people, a kitchen with an electric stove, a wood stove for heat, and a small refrigerator. Water and firewood are not available at the cabin. An outhouse, horse corrals, and hitching racks are situated nearby. Muddy Guard rents for \$40 per night with a maximum seven-day rental.

Guests at both facilities are reminded to leave no trace by packing out trash and cleaning the facilities before leaving. Cleaning supplies are furnished.

Pole Creek Cabin and Muddy Guard Cabin can be reserved online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 877.444.6777. Online reservations must be made three days in advance. If the cabins are available, short-notice reservations can be made at the Powder River Ranger District office located at 1415 Fort Street in Buffalo, WY.

For more information about these facilities, contact the ranger district at 307.684.7806.