

Norbeck Society August 2020 Newsletter

Dear Norbeck Society members and friends,

We have skipped a couple of months of newsletters, but your committee has been working on a number of issues, including sustainability of timber harvesting in the Black Hills National Forest, and OHV damage on trails.

1. Norbeck Society members and friends are invited to a Zoom learning opportunity offered by Audubon Society this Friday: **Kristopher Hennings, Forest Wildlife Program Director, will talk about the Habitat Structural Stages and their relationship to species viability on the Black Hills National Forest.**

Friday, July 31, 2020, 6:30 PM MT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85815344021?pwd=azc0S0loeXNjZW5kQ1FHZW8rRGZmUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 1534 4021 Passcode: 130343

Or join by phone for audio only: 253-215-8782 or 301-715-8592

1. **Please Like and Share Norbeck Society posts on Facebook** and go there to keep abreast of our two current issues
2. **Timber Sustainability** – the Black Hills National Forest is still being overcut despite many indications of damage to our forest ecosystems and to the future of sustained yields of timber. The timber industry lobbyist is attempting to sway public opinion with their 2 Facebook pages (“Black Hills Sustainable Forests” and “We The Forest”), but recent science has shown that a slower pace and scale is necessary for the well-being of the forest - and to ensure other values like recreation and wildlife have a chance going forward. The Forest Service cannot put a stop to this on their own because of political maneuverings.
3. **Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use on the Black Hills National Forest** – more and more people are using OHVs, and many people familiar with the forest are seeing unacceptable levels of damage and other impacts from that use.

If you have questions about either of these issues or want to share knowledge or report impacts you have observed, please contact us: info@norbeckociety.com In the meantime, enjoy your natural environment and stay safe.