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NOTICE OF AVIALABILITY

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Notice of Availability Environmental Assessment: Access Roads and an Associated Interior Road, Centennial Estates Lease, Ellsworth AFB, SD

11 An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to evaluate potential environmental impacts of granting
12 an easement for the construction of off-base access roads and interior roads to the former Ellsworth Air
13 Force Base (EAFB) military housing area known as Centennial Estates. Centennial Estates was
14 constructed during the early 1990s as part of a lease agreement with Hunt Development and the United
15 States Air Force under the auspices of Public Law 98-115, Section 801, and Public Law 99-167. Hunt
16 Development was granted a 40 year lease to construction housing units. The first 20 years of the 40 year
17 lease required the units to be leased to the Air Force for use as Military Family Housing. During the
18 second 20 years of the lease, Hunt has the option of operating Centennial Estates as residential rentals.
19 The lease requires that Hunt Development separate Centennial Estates from EAFB by constructing a
20 fence, obtaining utilities from off-base providers, and access Centennial Estates from off-base. The initial
21 20 year lease expired on August 1, 2011.

22 The analysis considered, in detail, potential environmental effects of the Proposed Action, an alternative,
23 and the No Action Alternative. The results, as found in the EA, show that the Proposed Action would not
24 have a significant adverse impact on the environment, indicating that a Finding of No Significant
25 Impact/Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONSI/FONPA) would be appropriate. An Environmental
26 Impact Statement would not be necessary to implement the Proposed Action.

27 Copies of the Draft EA showing the analysis will be available for review at the following library:

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**Rapid City Public Library
610 Quincy Street
Rapid City, SD 57701**

33 The document will also be available online at <http://www.ellsworth.af.mil>.

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35 Written comments on the Draft EA are invited and will be received for 30 days from the publication of this
36 notice. Comments and inquiries on this document should be provided in writing to:

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