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Census 2010 is Fast Approaching

Census Day, April 1, 2010, is just around the corner and during this time the U.S. Census Bureau will work to count every person in the United States, a count that is mandated by the U.S. Constitution to take place every ten years. The task of counting everyone is monumental and Wyoming is gearing up for the count!

Last year, Governor Dave Freudenthal signed a proclamation to foster Census 2010 awareness, and a statewide Complete Count Committee has been formed to aid in the endeavor of counting every person in Wyoming. The Committee, Census 2010 Wyoming Counts, is comprised of individuals that represent the spectrum of Wyoming's population. Members come from businesses, local and state government, agriculture, American Indian tribes, faith-based organizations, Hispanic community organizations, and representatives of education. This committee is working on a Census 2010 awareness campaign in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Economic Analysis Division serves as the lead agency in Wyoming for the U.S. Census Bureau's State Data Center Program. "Census 2010 Wyoming Counts will work to help achieve a complete count by providing information and education to local communities about the importance of Census 2010. Wyoming had a very successful Census 2000 Taskforce, and Census 2010 Wyoming Counts hopes to build off that accomplishment," according to Amy Bittner, an economist with the Economic Analysis Division and coordinator of Census 2010 Wyoming Counts.

Every Wyomingite is affected by the decennial (every ten years) census count. Since 2006, the State has seen substantial population growth and it is vitally important that everyone is counted in 2010 because the decennial census count is what is utilized to determine state revenue distributions for cities, towns, and counties for the next ten years as well as Federal Funding and to establish boundaries for legislative districts.

Bittner stated, "Wyoming's population demographics have been changing over the past decade, and Census 2010 will help provide an updated portrait of our local communities. It is important that everyone is counted once, and only once, and in the right place."

Census 2010 Wyoming Counts has developed a web site with Census 2010 information and resources for Wyoming, http://eadiv.state.wy.us/wyoming_counts/