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LAND SERVICES BEGINS ANNUAL PROPERTY REVIEW PROCESS

Beginning mid-May Crow Wing County Land Services will begin the State Mandated "quintile" process of physically viewing 20% of the parcels within the County for property valuations effective in 2015. State statute requires each county to review properties annually to verify the accuracy and completeness of assessment records used to determine property taxes. This year, property assessors will view approximately 8,200 parcels county-wide.

Land Services Supervisor Gary Griffin noted "Property owners may see assessors verifying information about their property including, size, quality, homestead status, and conditions of improvements. Assessors will also be able to answer property owners' questions about the process. This may be the only contact a property owner has with the County, and we are committed to providing excellent customer service during this review process. Assessors will always display their County identification badges, and vehicles will display County markers. Business cards will be left with customers if no one is home during the visit, and some customers may receive a follow up letter requesting an interior review if necessary."

Griffin added, "We are committed to fairly and accurately valuing property for tax purposes. Annual physical reviews of property is an essential tool in maintaining accurate, uniform, and consistent property valuations."

Information from the 2014 review will be reflected in the 2015 property tax assessment. Property valuations are primarily determined by analyzing sales information on similar properties throughout the County. Official notice of the 2015 assessment will be mailed to property owners beginning in March of next year.

The Crow Wing Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service and responding to all inquiries in an efficient, courteous and professional manner. Property owners may contact the office at assessor.office@crowwing.us or 218-824-1010 with any questions they may have about valuation and classification process.

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