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Granite Peak breaks ground on the Bakken Industrial Park in north Williston

Groundbreaking for the Bakken Industrial Park Subdivision, a 770 acre real estate project was held today at the project site along U.S. Highway 2 & 85 north of Williston. "The Bakken Industrial Park will provide Williston with a planned and orderly development to accommodate the ever growing demand for commercial and industrial land in Williston," says Rich Fairservis, principal in Granite Peak Development.

"Williston is already home to over 350 oilfield related service businesses and this development will allow many of the existing businesses room to grow and the opportunity for new businesses to locate in the community," says Fairservis.

"The City has been involved with developing several industrial parks in the past, but we're thrilled to have the private sector taking the lead and making that investment on their own," says Williston Mayor Ward Koeser. "This project has taken a lot of forethought and vision in strategically locating this at a key intersection north of town that will be aligned with our future truck routes and will allow us to keep more of the heavy industry and truck traffic out of the core of our community in the future."

"It wouldn't be possible to expand our community and infrastructure without the partnership we have developed between the State, our community and private industry," says Brad Bekkedahl, Williston City Finance Commissioner. "All of the companies locating in this development will become part of the tax base of Williston and they will benefit by receiving city services such as water and sewer and police and fire protection."

"We are taking a multi-pronged approach to real estate development in Williston, says Neil McMurry, principal in Granite Peak Development. "Along with this industrial park, we are pursuing development in residential, retail, office, medical, construction, hospitality and tourism, and industrial developments that will make Williston a better community in which to live, work and play. We want to see a thriving downtown and continued agricultural expansion and diversity. We see Williston as a city with a great future!"

"We plan to commence with site construction by August 1st on 447 acres in phase 1," says Terry Metzler, ND Operations Director for Granite Peak. "S.J Lewis will be doing the earthwork, roads and infrastructure, Robert Gibbs is running the sewer line out from the City, and Sanderson-Stewart has done our land planning and AE2S is the engineer on the project."

"We want to thank the State, County and City officials and staff for their proactive approach to making this project become a reality," says Metzler. "We will be providing additional details in the near future, but we plan to announce a major truck stop, restaurants, and hotels to anchor the property, along with a significant number of oilfield and construction related businesses locating in this industrial park."

Granite Peak Development, LLC is a major real estate developer in Casper and Cheyenne, Wyoming and over the past year has expanded their interests into building in Williston. www.granitepeakdev.com .

Businesses and industry interested in the Bakken Industrial Park should contact Terry Metzler at 307-277-8794