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**Editor's note:**

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**Photos** attached titled: DuboisJuly4th.jpg

*Note: Higher resolution image available upon request.*

**Photo Caption:** The Dubois 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade starts at 1 p.m. with some fun additions this year including a dude ranch challenge and prize for best presentation or display by wranglers!

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**The Dubois, Wyoming Fourth of July Parade combines old-fashioned fun and Western flavor with the town's spectacular scenery as a backdrop.**

**DUBOIS, WY** –Dubois, Wyoming's Fourth of July parade takes spectators on a nostalgia trip to a time when parades and flag waving were part of every celebration.

This community Fourth of July parade involves just about everyone who lives and works in Dubois. Parade floats represent ranching, dude ranching, schools, churches, civic organizations and local groups and clubs.



Parade highlights include a big horn sheep (a person in a bighorn sheep costume) driving the float for the Bighorn Sheep Center. U.S. Forest Service folks ride horses and pack mules and bring "Smokey the Bear" along to wave at the crowd. Add draft horse teams pulling hay wagons to the mix along with cowboys, cowgirls, antique cars and tractors, ATVs, motor bikes, motorcycles, skateboarders and mountain bikers.

For a final touch, folks riding on parade floats toss candy to the crowd, and local fire trucks spray water overhead (and sometimes on the crowd of spectators if it's warm enough).

Awards are traditionally given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place parade entries, but there will also be a second annual dude ranch challenge and prize for best presentation or display by wranglers.

For more information, contact Inez Brandt at 307-455-2556. For a complete list of events in Wyoming's Wind River Country, go to <http://www.wind-river.org> or call 800-645-6233 for a free vacation packet.

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