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Mr. Michael P. Stewart, Field Manager
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments pertaining to Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Number DOI-BLM-WY-020-DNA13-065 and the associated permit renewals for the Black Draw Allotment (01058) by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cody Field Office (FO).

Our comments are specific to our mission: dedication to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life. As this DNA and Proposed Decision effects our agriculture industry, our natural resources, and the welfare of our citizens, it's important you continue to inform us of proposed actions and decisions and continue to provide the opportunity to express pertinent issues and concerns.

WDA appreciates the effort the Cody FO has devoted to renewing livestock grazing permits in a timely and efficient manner. As BLM allotments are an integral part of agriculture in the Lovell area, it is important permittees continue livestock grazing to assist in maintaining economic viability for both producers and communities. We commend the Cody FO for making it a priority to collect data and documentation for use in the DNA and permit renewal process.

In conclusion, we support the continuation of livestock grazing on the Black Draw Allotment and look forward to continued cooperation on proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

FOR

Jason Fearneyhough
Director

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