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Mr. Richard Miller, Field Manager
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Dear Mr. Miller:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) scoping comments pertaining to the Newcastle Field Office's (NFO) Proposed Decision for the Gammon Prong Allotment and associated fencing.

Our comments are specific to our mission: dedication to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources and quality of life. As the proposed project could affect our industry, citizens and natural resources it is important that you continue to inform us of proposed actions and decisions and continue to provide the opportunity to communicate pertinent issues and concerns.

We support the Proposed Decision and the proactive approach the NFO is taking in regards to grazing management. We do recognize the proposed project is within the North Gillette Sage-grouse Connctivity Area. We believe the Governor's Executive Order (EO) 2011-05 clearly defines fencing for livestock purposes as a "de minimus" activity.

In conclusion, we support the Proposed Decision and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Jason Fearneyhough
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Director

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CC: Governor's Policy Office
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