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February 12, 2018

Mr. Glenn Casamassa  
Objection Reviewing Officer  
United States Forest Service  
EMC, Mailstop 1104  
1400 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Mr. Casamassa,

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments regarding the United States Forest Service (FS) Draft Record of Decision (dROD) for the Use of Domestic Sheep, Goats, and Pack Goats on the Shoshone National Forest.

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, including objections under 36 CFR 219.

First and foremost, we would like to commend the FS for seeking a workable solution to the issues raised in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

WDA has provided comments on the SEIS<sup>1</sup> and was part of conversations between WDA, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Bighorn Restoration Group, Wild Sheep Foundation and the North American Pack Goat Association. Our comments were provided in accordance with 36 CFR 219 and make WDA eligible for participation in the objection process. WDA formally requests the ability to participate in any objection proceedings as an interested party under 36 CFR 219.57.

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<sup>1</sup> WDA provided comments to the FS on August 10, 2017. These comments can be found at:  
<http://wvagric.state.wy.us/images/stories/pdf/natres/policy/8-10-17pack%20goat%20sdeis.pdf>

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We look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions regarding our letter please contact Chris Wichmann, Natural Resources & Policy Manager at 307-777-6576.

Sincerely,



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