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Mr. Richard Moss
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Dear Mr. Moss:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's (WDA) comments pertaining to the Scoping Notice for the Site-Wide Environmental Assessment (SWEA) for divestment of the Rocky Mountain Oilfield Testing Center (RMOTC) and Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 3 (NPR-3) by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

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 proposed SWEA may affect 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.

The WDA understands that livestock grazing currently occurs on the RMOTC and NPR-3 and would like livestock grazing to continue following divestment. The DOE should analyze the possibility of continued grazing in the SWEA. In addition, we encourage DOE staff to work closely and consistently with affected grazing lessees and agriculture producers to learn of their concerns and recommendations regarding this project.

In conclusion, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the scope of the proposed actions. We encourage continued attention to our concerns and look forward to hearing about and being involved in proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

for 
Jason Fearneyhough
Director

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CC: Governor's Policy Office
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