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Bureau of Land Management  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's (WDA) comments pertaining Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Field Office's (PFO) Scoping Notice to construct the Big Mesa fence in the North LaBarge Common Allotment.

Our comments are specific to our mission within state government: dedication to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life. As this project impacts our agriculture industry, our natural resources, and the welfare of our citizens, we believe it is important you continue to inform us of proposed actions and decisions including petitions, appeals, and objections, and continue to provide us the opportunity to express pertinent issues and concerns.

The WDA supports PFO in their efforts to analyze the Big Mesa Fence on the North LaBarge Common Allotment. We appreciate the efforts of PFO staff working closely with livestock grazing permittees and Wyoming Game and Fish Department staff. This proactive approach will ensure the fence meets the original goal to improve livestock distribution while reducing impacts to wildlife. We support range improvement projects such as the Big Mesa fence as they support BLM's multiple use mandate while helping achieve long-term management goals and objectives to meet Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines.

We encourage PFO to continue cooperative monitoring of vegetation with livestock grazing permittees, and believe it is important to monitor vegetation to identify changes and trends across the allotment following the fence installation.

In conclusion, we support PFO analyzing the proposed action to construct the Big Mesa fence on the North LaBarge Common Allotment and look forward to commenting on the future

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Environmental Assessment. Please contact Justin Williams, Senior Policy Analyst at 307-777-7067 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Miyamoto". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Doug Miyamoto  
Director

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