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Bureau of Land Management  
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Dear Mr. Mier:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's comments pertaining to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kemmerer Field Office's (KFO) Scoping Notice regarding two spring developments on the Carter Lease 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 KFO permitting the spring box installation and three acre enclosure on Chicken Spring as well as the spring box installation and one acre enclosure on Coyote Spring as proposed. While the Notice states the project will provide water for both livestock and wildlife on private land in checkerboard sections of the Carter Lease Allotment, it will have numerous other benefits including assisting in the distribution of livestock and wildlife, as well as meeting BLM Rangeland Heath Standards and Guidelines on federal lands.

We encourage KFO work closely with livestock grazing permittees to develop a clear and concise Cooperative Agreement for the spring developments and enclosures to ensure positive communication continues following the installation of these projects.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment. Please contact Justin Williams, Senior Policy Analyst at 307-777-7067 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Doug Miyamoto  
Director

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Wyoming Stock Growers Association  
Wyoming Wool Growers Association

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