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Bureau of Land Management  
Kemmerer Field Office  
430 North Highway 189  
Kemmerer, WY 83101-9711

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 a land crossing proposal on the Hinshaw Creek 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 two corner crossings on BLM sections 2&10 and sections 2&12 as proposed. While the Notice states the project will provide water for both livestock and wildlife on private land in checkerboard sections of the Hinshaw Creek 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 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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CC: Governor's Policy Office  
Wyoming Board of Agriculture  
Wyoming Stock Growers Association  
Wyoming Wool Growers Association

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