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Deidre Witsen,
Special Uses Permit Administrator
Bridger-Teton National Forest
Jackson and Blackrock Ranger Districts
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Dear Ms. Witsen,

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's (WDA) comments pertaining to reauthorization of the livestock use area for Heart 6 Ranch, LLC on the Blackrock Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF).

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 proposal 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 and continue to provide us the opportunity to express pertinent issues and concerns.

WDA fully supports the reauthorization of 140 Head Months between June 10 and October 10 for horses. It is our understanding the business recently sold to a new owner and the proposed action of this comment is simply administrative. WDA requests the BTNF notify us if the use of a Categorical Exclusion 36 CFR 220.6(b)(1) does not adequately address the resource conditions indicated.

We look forward to working closely with you as a Cooperating Agency in the near future. If you have questions, please contact Justin Williams, Senior Policy Analyst at 307-777-7067.

Sincerely,

Stacia Berry
for Doug Miyamoto

Doug Miyamoto
Director

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