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Dear Mr. Spencer:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments pertaining to the Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) and associated Larey Draw Allotment (#2301) Grazing Lease and Transfer Issuance by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Buffalo Field Office (FO).

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 DNA affects 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 supports the proposed action, which transfers grazing privileges and issues a new 10-year term grazing lease. We appreciate the effort the Buffalo FO has devoted to authorizing grazing in a timely and efficient manner. BLM allotments are an integral part of agriculture in Northeastern Wyoming and it is important that permittees continue livestock grazing on these allotments to assist in maintaining economic viability for both producers and communities. In addition, livestock grazing represents irreplaceable environmental and social values, contributing to the preservation of open spaces, scenic vistas, and the traditional image of historic rural landscapes of Wyoming.

In conclusion, the WDA supports the continuance of livestock grazing on the Larey Draw Allotment. We appreciate the opportunity to comment. We encourage continued attention to our concerns and we look forward to hearing about and being involved in proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

Jason Fearneyhough
Director

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