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Mr. Joe Meyer, Field Manager  
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Casper, WY 82604

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments pertaining to cancellation of grazing leases on the Table Mountain 1 (10120), Table Mountain 2 (10122) and Table Mountain 3 (10143) Allotments by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Casper 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 these proposed cancellations affect 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 does not support a net loss of Animal Unit Months (AUMs) on BLM-administered lands. While we understand the reason for the conveyance of land to the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, we believe livestock grazing in the Table Mountain area is vital to economic stability and resource health. We would like the BLM to consider livestock grazing in their decision and strongly encourage mitigation of lost AUMs. Considerations and mitigation should both be discussed with the current livestock grazing permittees prior to a final decision.

In conclusion, we look forward to continued cooperation on proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

for Jason Fearneyhough  
Director

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CC: Governor's Planning Office  
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