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Dear Mr. Miller:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments pertaining to the proposed decision to authorize installation of approximately 1.0 miles of fence on the Gammon Prong Allotment (04280) by the Bureau of Land Management Newcastle 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 proposed decision 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 appreciates the efforts of the Newcastle FO to improve livestock grazing management and range condition by responding to grazing lessee requests for range improvements. BLM allotments are an integral part of agriculture in the area and it is important to improve livestock grazing management to assist in maintaining economic viability for producers.

In conclusion, we support the request to install 1.0 miles of fence on the analyzed allotment and look forward to continued cooperation on proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

Jason Fearneyhough
Director

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