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Mike Calton, Range Management Specialist  
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Dear Mike Calton:

Following are our comments on your Draft Environmental Assessment for the construction of the water well on the G. L. Allotment.

Our comments are specific to our mission within state government which is to be dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life. As this proposed project affects our agriculture industry, our natural resources, and the welfare of our citizens, we believe it's important that we be kept informed of proposed actions and decisions and that we continue to be provided the opportunity to express pertinent issues and concerns regarding this and similar projects.

We believe this is a win-win project. In an area of six-inch annual precipitation, the proposed well will bring needed water for both livestock and wildlife. The well will also allow the permittees to significantly reduce costs for hauling water to the site. Moreover, the water will allow better use of a pasture that is currently underutilized. Funding for construction and maintenance of the well is being provide by the permittee, thereby allowing accomplishment of BLM objectives at virtually no cost to the agency. Both resources and resource uses in this area will benefit from this project. Thus, we strongly support this project.

We believe this project deserves to be implemented as soon as possible, and we encourage your expedited processing of this proposal.

We commend you for your coordination with the permittee during the planning of this project. We encourage your continuing coordination during the implementation of this project and the planning and implementation of similar projects.

If there is anything that would jeopardize the expedited and successful completion of this project, please advise us as soon as possible.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed actions.

Sincerely,

John Etchepare  
Director

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cc: Governor's Planning Office  
Wyoming Game & Fish Department

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