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Richard VanderVoet, Field Manager  
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Dear Mr. VanderVoet,

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's (WDA) comments regarding allotments that cross Field Office (FO) boundaries listed in Appendix K, Tables K.1 and K.2 of the Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lander RMP Revision Project by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lander Field Office.

There are several allotments listed in Appendix K that cross BLM FO boundaries. It is our understanding that these allotments may be administered or managed by FOs other than the Lander FO. For example, the Cherry Creek Allotment is largely located within the Rawlins FO and entirely administered by the Rawlins FO. When allotments, such as the Cherry Creek Allotment, cross BLM FO boundaries, an agreement defining which FO is responsible for administering and/or managing the allotment must be pursued.

The WDA recommends the Lander FO carefully review Appendix K of the DRMP/DEIS for allotments that cross boundaries and are administered/managed by other FOs. The DRMP/DEIS should identify these allotments. For those allotments identified, we recommend developing agreements immediately and placing those agreements in permittee/lessee files. We do not consider these agreements an RMP/EIS issue, but an allotment administration/management decision.

We encourage continued attention to our concerns and look forward to hearing about and being involved in future proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

*For* Jason Fearneyhough  
Director

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