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Rhen Etzelmiller, Assistant Field Manager  
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Dear Mr. Etzelmiller:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments pertaining to the proposed decision to build a two wire electric fence on the Rimrock West allotment 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 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 Casper FO to improve livestock distribution and riparian areas on the North Platte River by constructing range improvements. BLM allotments are an integral part of agriculture in Natrona County and it is important to improve livestock grazing management to assist in maintaining economic viability for producers.

In conclusion, we support the decision to build 700 feet of electric fence on the Rimrock West allotment and look forward to continued cooperation on proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

Jason Fearneyhough  
Director

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CC: Governor's Policy Office  
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