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Dear Ms. Flanderka and/or Mr. Gamo:

Please consider the following comments regarding the Draft Wildlife Protection Recommendations for Wind Energy Development in Wyoming (Recommendation Document). We appreciate the effort the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) and the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) has provided to private landowners and Mr. Jim Magagna (Executive Vice President for the Wyoming Stock Growers Association) on developing appropriate coordination and consultation recommendations for wind energy development projects located on private lands.

We believe Appendix B (Recommendations on Private Lands) is a drastic improvement from the original draft recommendations which would have directly impacted private landowners and approached dangerously close on the taking of private property rights. The inclusion of Appendix B addresses our original comments on the Recommendation Document, by acknowledging and separating general recommendations/Best Management Practices from recommendations for private lands.

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture supports the Commission's inclusion of Appendix B into the final Recommendation Document. We urge the WGFD staff carefully review the main document to ensure it is consistent with both the recommendations within the original document/Appendix A and the private landowner's recommendations in Appendix B.

We also insist the Recommendation Document is a dynamic document and is updated with the most current data/peer reviewed science and information based on studies completed in Wyoming.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide our comments and look forward to working with you in the future on refining this document as more information is collected.

Sincerely,

Jason Fearneyhough  
Director

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture  
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