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Dear Mr. Jackson,

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments regarding the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) environmental assessment (EA) of the Baskett Allotment lease renewal.

Our comments are specific to our mission: dedication to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources and quality of life. As the proposed project could affect our industry, citizens, and natural resources it is important that you continue to inform us of proposed actions and decisions and continue to provide the opportunity to communicate pertinent issues and concerns.

The WDA supports the BLM's proposed action to renew the Baskett Allotment lease. Transitioning the allotment to a multi-livestock classification and extending the season of use to a year-round window (March 1 - February 28) is a positive direction in providing the management flexibility required for both the BLM and the permittee.

While the allotment is currently working toward achieving Standard #3, the WDA supports the proposed action to meet the Standards for Healthy Rangelands and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management. The ongoing partnership between the Weed and Pest District and the BLM to conduct aerial spraying for Cheatgrass and Japanese Brome is an effective approach to improving the range. The WDA supports these coordinated treatment efforts, as they demonstrate a clear commitment to maintaining rangeland health. To build on this progress, the WDA recommends the development and utilization of an Allotment Management Plan, incorporating a strategic pasture rotation to help the BLM and the permittee ensure long-term ecological stability and consistent compliance with all standards. This practical framework provides the necessary structure to manage the land effectively while meeting conservation goals.

The WDA believes the proposed action provides the necessary flexibility for the permittee to effectively manage the land while ensuring the allotment continues to achieve the Standards for Healthy Rangelands and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management.

If you have any questions, please contact Holly Siebert, Senior Policy Analyst at 307-777-7024.

Sincerely,

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