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Dear Ms. Conant,

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) formally requests participation in the Cooperating Agency review process of all sensitive species scientific papers and Conservation Assessments. We ask the Bridger Teton National Forest (BTNF) provide us adequate opportunity to review the draft versions and provide feedback prior to finalizing either documents or implementation of any management actions.

In addition, WDA would respectfully request the BTNF include a Range Scientist in the peer review process. The Conservation Assessment for Boreal Toads and Columbia Spotted Frogs lacks peer review by a Range Scientist, but includes many recommendations regarding livestock grazing management. This idea was proposed at a meeting in Pinedale, WY on August 5, 2014.

We appreciate the BTNF including the WDA in the review process for sensitive species, as the Conservation Assessments may have negative impacts to the livestock grazing permittees who graze public forest lands. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact, Justin Williams at 307-777-7067.

Regards,

Jason Fearneyhough
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