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To Whom It May Concern:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's (WDA) comments pertaining to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services' (WS) Environmental Assessment (EA) on Gray Wolf Damage and Conflict Management in Wyoming.

Our comments are specific to our mission within state government: dedication to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life. As this project impacts our agriculture industry, our natural resources, and the welfare of our citizens, we believe it is important you continue to inform us of proposed actions and decisions and continue to provide us the opportunity to express pertinent issues and concerns.

WDA understands the EA covers gray wolf management while wolves are federally protected under the Endangered Species Act, 10(j) rule, nonessential experimental population. We support current adaptive wolf conflict management analyzed under the No Action/Proposed Alternative.

The Proposed Alternative includes a full range of legal, practical, and effective nonlethal and lethal methods to prevent or reduce adverse impacts on livestock and other domestic animals and human health and safety in Wyoming.

We appreciate WS considering WDA's previous comments in the Draft EA, and allowing us to comment on the current EA. We look forward to working with your agency in the future. Please feel free to contact Kent Drake, Predator Management Coordinator at 307-777-6781, or Justin Williams, Senior Policy Analyst at 307-777-7067 if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Director

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