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Dear Mr. Phillips:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments pertaining to the proposed decision to install a stockwater pipeline from existing water sources on private land to stock tanks and a storage tank on public land in the Kirby Creek Allotment #00589 by the Bureau of Land Management Worland 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 Worland FO to improve livestock grazing management by responding to grazing permittees requests for range improvements. BLM allotments are an integral part of agriculture in the area and it is important to improve livestock grazing management on these allotments to assist in maintaining economic viability for producers.

In conclusion, we support the request to build stockwater pipeline on the Kirby Allotment and look forward to continued cooperation on proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

Jason Fearneyhough

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Director

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