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William A. Mier
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Dear Mr. Mier,

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's (WDA) comments pertaining to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kemmerer Field Office Scoping letter to conduct a proposed vegetation treatment on Cumberland/Uinta, Twin Creek, Elk Mountain Pasture, Angelo, Colett Creek, Elkol, and Albert Creek Allotments.

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 supports KFO using a Categorical Exclusion to remove encroaching conifers from the sagebrush steppe as indicated. We believe this project is progressively treating vegetation to improve sage-grouse habitat by removing raptor perches, but also opening up the area to benefit both livestock and other wildlife.

Please continue to include us in future analysis for this project. If you have questions, please contact Justin Williams, Senior Policy Analyst at 307-777-7067.

Sincerely,

Stacia Bury
for Doug Miyamoto

Doug Miyamoto
Director

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