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Mr. Joe Meyer, Field Manager  
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments pertaining to the proposed decision to construct the Buried Tire and High Rock water wells within the Eccles Allotment (20523) by the Bureau of Land Management Casper 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 Casper 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 water sources on these allotments to assist in maintaining economic viability for producers.

In conclusion, we support the request to construct water wells on the analyzed allotments and look forward to continued cooperation on proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

Jason Fearneyhough  
Director

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CC: Governor's Policy Office  
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