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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Pinedale Anticline Project Area. The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation represents over 2,500 members within Wyoming.

Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation can support the draft PAPA SEIS only under the assurance that:

1. Livestock grazing will not show a net decrease. Reality exists that some areas will be impacted by mineral development, including drilling pads and pipelines, especially the first year of construction. The forage lost should offset by improvements in forage utilization in other areas of an allotment. These improvements could include water development, fencing, etc. These improvements would have long term benefits not only to livestock but potentially to wildlife. Most often, forage utilization depends on water. Animals will travel only so far to get water. If not in close enough proximity, forage will be underutilized.

2. Reclamation of disturbed sites is accomplished in a timely manner.

Species utilized must not be limited to native species. Grass and forbs species should be given preference over establishing shrub and tree species. One of the most important aspects of reclamation is reducing erosion. Grass species, when proper planting protocols are used, will establish rapidly. This will protect the land resource not only for current use but also future utilization. Shrubs tend to show an area is in climax stage of production. Targeting grass species in reclamation would probably increase biodiversity and move some micro ecosystems back to earlier stages of production.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to make my comments. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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