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Casper Resource Management Plan

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Gentlemen

Thank you for providing comments on behalf of the Union Telephone Company on the Proposed Casper Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Your letter provided a variety of comments on wireless communication siting. Attached is a summary of your comments along with the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) response to your summarized comment.

We appreciate the interest and involvement of Union Telephone Company in the development of the Casper RMP. If you or Union Telephone Company have any questions, or wish to discuss any issues or concerns regarding the plan, please call Jim Murkin, Casper Field Manager, at 307-261-7600, or Jane Darnell, Deputy State Director for Resources Policy and Management, at 307-775-6113.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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**Summary Comment:** “Union commends the BLM on its efforts to update the RMP for the Casper Resource Area. Although the BLM has incorporated piecemeal amendments to this RMP since its adoption in 1985, the BLM should ensure that the proposed resource-use limitations are consistent with the nation's evolving priorities and the greater importance of wireless communications in modern life. Union opposes the adoption of any resource-use limitations that would unduly restrict or prohibit the siting of wireless communications infrastructure in the Casper Resource Area.”

*Summary Response: The BLM manages public lands and resource values according to the principles of multiple use and sustained yield. Given these principles and the inherent competing nature of resource conservation and resource uses, the BLM worked with cooperating agencies to develop a reasonable range of alternatives that vary by their emphasis on allowable uses and management actions (use limitations). The BLM's Proposed Resource Management Plan balances resource conservation and resource uses and reflects the best combination of decisions to achieve BLM goals and policies, meet the purpose and need, and meet the needs of present and future generations.*