**Pinedale Anticline Project Office (PAPO)**

**2023 Project Funding Application Guidelines**

**Dear Potential 2023 PAPO Project Applicant:**

**Please read the following information and guidelines prior to submitting your applications for potential 2023 funding. The deadline for project applications is January 31, 2023.**

**Project applicants are required to use the 2020 PAPO application. Applicants should refer to the 2020 Project Ranking Score Sheet to provide information on PAPO strategic plan goals and priorities.**

**The PAPO strongly encourages the submittal of projects that relate to PAPO’s strategic plan goals and priorities. Projects funded in prior years, when completed, will benefit mule deer, pronghorn, and greater sage-grouse by increasing water sources, improving habitat and reducing barriers to migration. A majority of funded projects are located on the Pinedale Anticline, as onsite mitigation is an initial first step when a mitigation response is necessary. To date, mitigation responses have been necessary for mule deer and greater sage-grouse as required by the September 2008 Pinedale Anticline Record of Decision.**

**PAPO funding availability relates directly to the degree of drilling on the Anticline. Please be aware that submittal of a project proposal is not a guarantee of project funding. The PAPO Board of Directors makes all final decisions regarding project funding and may decide not to fund any projects. The Board will make project funding decisions at the April 2023 Board meeting. This meeting will be advertised in early April 2023.**

**The deadline for 2023 PAPO project applications is January 31, 2023, by 4:30 pm for all applicants.**

**PAPO project applications must be submitted electronically. To submit your application, for further information, or if you are unable to submit your application electronically, please contact Tracy Hoover, PAPO Coordinator, at:** **thoover@blm.gov** **by phone at (307) 367-5342.**

**The PAPO thanks you for your interest and 2023 project application submittal!**