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The Table Mountain Wildlife Management area in Goshen County should be added to the list of areas where livestock grazing is prohibited. This area is managed for waterfowl production and public hunting. Livestock grazing is not compatible with these uses. At the current level of grazing virtually all duck nesting cover as well as nesting cover for pheasants and a variety of nongame birds is eliminated. The cattle also rub against the goose nesting platforms and knock them over. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department releases pheasants on this area and cattle grazing greatly reduces the amount of suitable pheasant hiding cover. In addition cattle graze or trample the cattail/bulrush stands adjacent to the ponds leaving no place for hunters to conceal themselves while waterfowl hunting. The Table Mountain Wildlife Management area is small and eliminating grazing on this parcel should not greatly impact anyone's livestock operation. If there is one area within the entire Casper District that should not be grazed Table Mountain has to be it. Livestock grazing is clearly an incompatible use of this area and the fact that BLM ever leased this area to begin with is ridiculous.