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Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office
Attn: Linda Slone, Project Manager
Casper RMP Revision
2987 Prospector Drive
Casper, WY 82604

October 13, 2006

RE: Casper Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Slone.

Our program has reviewed the aforementioned documents and we thank you for giving the State of Wyoming Trails Program the opportunity to comment. We commend the Casper Field Office for their part in this process. Your willingness to involve the cooperating agencies by listening to concerns and treating us as partners has been one reason this process has succeeded above and beyond other Resource Management Plan processes. Below are some specific comments and concerns that we have.

Our greatest concern is the lack of snowmobile data and information. We would particularly request that each alternative contain language expressing that snowmobiles are permitted off of existing roads and trails, unless otherwise specifically limited or closed. Our relationship in regard to snowmobiling with the Casper Field Office has, in the past, been very good. However, we believe that the lack of snowmobile discussion within this document could be a detriment to future snowmobiling operations in the region.

The 4 ½ miles of snowmobile trails discussed in Alternative A represents a significant connector route. Please highlight this fact.

Language regarding The Poison Spider OHV Park needs clarification as to whether or not snowmobiles are allowed and if so, under what conditions.

We feel that off-road wheeled vehicle use has been suitably covered in the documents.

Sincerely,



Tracy J. Williams
State of Wyoming
Trails Program Manager

cc: Milward Simpson, Pat Green, Temple Stevenson, File



Dave Freudenthal, Governor
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