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Subject DEIS RMP comment re: The Bus SRMA status

Dear Lander BLM Field Office,

I am writing in support of the proposal expressed in both Alternatives B and D of the DEIS RMP to designate the BLM administered lands in the area commonly know as "The Bus" as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). As I understand it this is roughly two sections of BLM administered land that lie within the confines of the Squaw Creek/Baldwin Creek Loop Road within township and range T33N/R100W.

In addition, I believe it is important to address that much of the recreation that takes place in this area happens on the adjoining 1.33 sections of State Land immediately to the West. I advocate that the BLM pursue a land exchange with the State that would see BLM acquire this additional 1.33 sections and

include them in the SRMA. These two land parcels combined provide a valuable location for recreation for the people of Lander and provide a valuable viewshed for the local landowners. Protecting this landscape for non-motorized recreation over the long term protects local recreational opportunities, adds value to the property of local land owners, protects wildlife habitat, and helps support local merchants that serve the recreation community.

Since the mandate for the administration of School Trust Sections (e.g. the

State Land section in question) is to administer those lands for the financial benefit of Wyoming schools, I am concerned that, if left in state hands, this land

will eventually be developed. I believe this would be a significant loss to the community of Lander for the reasons stated above.

In the FEIS RMP I urge BLM to pursue the protection of the entire "Bus".

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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