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Dear BLM Planner for the Lander RMP,

We are pleased that the BLM is recommending the current ACECs be kept as is for the Lander Slope, Red Canyon and Whiskey Mountain. But we would like to see Beaver Rim and the National Historic Trails expanded. We support the BLM recommendation to expand East Fork and Green Mountain ACECs and the South Pass Historic Area. We fully support the BLM's recommendation for new ACECs in Twin Creek and the Sage Grouse Reference and Education Area. Please create new ACECs in Cedar Ridge, Castle Gardens, Sweetwater Rocks and Government Draw/Upper Sweetwater sage grouse area.

Lands with Wilderness Characteristics offer areas in Wyoming for solitude, hiking, and primitive camping. We would like to see the Little Red Creek Complex managed as an LWC of 5490 acres and close the entire zone to motorized and mechanized travel. Working with local partners to pursue foot and horseback access is a great BLM recommendation. LWCs should be identified and protected as part of the multiple use strategy.

All Wilderness Study Areas should be closed to motorized access; otherwise how can you protect the wilderness characteristics that these areas represent? Motorized and mechanized travel in areas close to the WSAs should be limited to designated routes which will limit travel to roads that have not been made illegally. One of the biggest threats to our public lands is that some cars, trucks, and ORVs will go anywhere they can without regard to the possibility of erosion, or the destruction of wildlife habitat, geological

formations, beautiful vistas without two tracks marking the landscape, fragile soil and plants. In order to protect the sensitive riparian areas in Sweetwater Canyon WSA, the BLM should close the lower fenced portion to livestock grazing.

We support the BLM's recommendation to close the Bus, Johnny Behind the Rocks, Blue Ridge and Sinks Climbing Areas to motorized travel.

We support the BLM's recommendation to include Baldwin Creek and Sweetwater River segments as part of the National Wild and Scenic River System. In addition the North Fork of the Popo Agie River segment should be included. Prohibit any activities on these sections that would diminish their free-flowing character. Instead of limiting motorized travel around some recommended WSRs to designated routes, areas around ALL recommended WSRs should be closed to motorized and mechanized travel.

BLM's recommendation to designate a heritage tourism and recreation trails corridor to protect sections of the Oregon/Mormon Pioneer/Pony Express and Continental Divide trails is a terrific idea. We support the management of these trails by providing a 5 mile buffer on each side of the trails. These buffer zones will allow people to experience the trails as they were in the pioneer times.

We thank the BLM for all the hard work in protecting our public lands so that a balanced use can be achieved. Multiple use does not mean that all activities should be in all places. Nor does it mean that energy development must proceed at a break neck pace. We hope the BLM will protect the land as it is developed in certain areas with adequate safeguards for Wyoming spectacular wildlife as well as its soil, ground and surface water, and air quality. Providing a clean, healthy environment for our children and grandchildren does not come cheaply or easily.

Sincerely,  
Neil O. and Jennifer S. Miller