

Attention : RMP Project Manager

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COMMENTS ON THE LANDER BLM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

My family and I own a cattle ranch along the Sweetwater River and we hold permits in allotment numbers 1703, 1704, 1705, and 1706. We live in Fremont County and do our purchasing in Fremont County which generates revenue for the local businesses. I believe that the proposed RMP is very anti-grazing and multiple use.

Pg. 4 – states that the aging ranchers are one of the reasons for a 20% reduction in all grazing permits. I am at least 30 years from retirement and any cut would severely hurt my income and my economic viability. My sole income is from cattle.

Pg. 27 – states that the Sweetwater River corridor is talking about controlling my private land in what I can and cannot put up because it may inhibit some ones view shed. I believe private property rights would come into play; the land is private for a reason, so I can do with it, what I want.

The theme of your proposed RMP is to cut grazing for disturbance, altercations, and for the failure of one or more range standards. There is no mention feral (wild) horse numbers being cut. There is also no mention of the great job the permittees and other multiple use users have done to enable Fremont County to have an over abundant number of sage grouse. There also needs to be ways to enable permittees to enhance the land through projects, i.e., fences and water projects.

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