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Subject: RMP comments

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Bureau of Land management

Attn: RMP Project Manager

1335 Main Street

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RMP Project Manager,

This letter is to comment on the Resource management Plan that was submitted for the Lander Field Office.

Our family ranches near Shoshoni, Wyoming. Our ranch is a family business which contributes to our local economy on many levels, our family has ranched in Fremont County for nearly 60 years. Directly, we provide four full time and two part time jobs. Further, our local purchases of inputs to the ranch and our ranch sales help support many other businesses in the community, including local business which sell fuel, equipment, parts, supplies, groceries, livestock veterinary supplies, feed for livestock, and countless other inputs that are necessary for us to run our ranch.

It appears to us that this plan has the potential to affect our ranch in the future by setting a standard that requires a cut in AUM's if a conflict is ever identified on our allotment. We would prefer to address any future conflicts through range management practices that would benefit the range and livestock. This is necessary for us to continue to be a viable business and a important part of the local economy.

The agricultural community is important to us because we are part of it. Our family has a strong bond to the land and wishes to do the best by it, as do our neighbors and friends who are part of this community. It is important to maintain its economic viability so that it can continue to support the rest of the community. Wyoming economics did not get hit as bad as some states. Our family feels that there needs to be a plan that would not adversely affect those who take care of the land and its resources.

Sincerely,

Ronald Frank