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We have a family ranch on the Sweetwater River and Beaver Creek with a grazing permit in the Green Mountain Common Allotment. Our grandchildren are the 7th generation ranchers in Fremont County. The ranching legacy has been passed down from generation to generation; a love for the land, the livestock, and the hard work that it takes to raise nutritious food for a multitude of people. All seven of our children are either in the ranching business or interested in becoming ranchers. Because our ranch could be listed on the National Registry of Historic Places the BLM should not do anything to jeopardize the viability of our ranch. Whatever the BLM does will affect the private and state lands. Any land use plan should be developed in coordination with state and local governments, private land owners, along with the grazing permit holders who are affected by the plan.

Since nearly all of our income comes from outside of Wyoming and a very large percent of our income is spent in the local economy, it is our opinion that Fremont County needs the ranchers as they are today. Taking land out of production and putting people who produce food out of business is not wise!

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