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RE: Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP)

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of myself as a individual and as a bank officer in a locally owned community bank I would like to offer a couple of comments to the RMP and your recommended Alternative D. Though My comments are more general n nature and not specific to the acreage and various/ specific issues in the plan, I would hope you still take it in consideration. I would not expect a reply.

Wyoming National Bank was organized and started 12 years ago in Fremont County. It has grown from zero to a 110 million dollars in assets, in these 12 years. Our current loans outstanding total right at 70 million at the end of 2011. The majority of our lending activity is focused on local small businesses and the agriculture industry. Their success or lack of success reflects directly on how you handle the final RMP for this local economy and the community which you yourself reside. The community of Lander and Riverton depend upon the BLM maintaining the integrity of Multi-Usage on public lands for the Oil & Gas Industry, Agriculture and Recreation usage to name a couple.

After reviewing the Alternative D, I see your efforts to balance the usage and various factions with a perceived comprise to satisfy all. However I see statements in Alternative D, such as actual use in grazing on BLM from 1989 to 2008 averaged only 73% of permitted usage. Yet Alternative D still calls for reduction in AUM, especially reflected in recommended actual usage from 2008 to 2027, a 18.4% reduction. I'm at lost when full usage of permitted AUM is not being utilized why further reduction is warranted, other than justified by other priorities and by whom. Leased BLM acreage has been a intrically part of ranch operations providing needed summer pasture. Very few businesses or agricultural operations can adjust to a 18% reduction to their input.

I would strongly advocate you in your approach to the RMP and your recommendation of Alternative D to consider the **Local Economy** and most of all the **Congressional Mandate of maintaining the Multi-Use Concept**. Consider the surface impact from Recreational Usage from one 4-wheeler vs one cow, beside the difference in fee being paid by both users. Focus on managing your public usage is far greater concern than the tired age-old solution of reducing the AUM, and removing acreage from the energy industry, while the USA imports our energy from foreign soils.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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