

January 19, 2012

Bureau of Land Management, Lander Field Office  
 Attn: RMP Project Manager  
 1335 Main Street  
 Lander, WY 82520



Dear Sir or Madam:

I have owned cattle since 1960 and have been a full time rancher since 1968. My family started in the cattle and livestock business in 1918 and my wife and I have continued the tradition. We employ two full time hired men and support them and our family with the cattle business using BLM, USFS, and private range lands.

We buy all necessary machinery as well as livestock and ranching items in Fremont County. Our livestock are sold locally at Riverton Livestock Auction to help with the local economy. We use local packing plants to process a number of beef each year for ourselves and several customers which aids the local businesses as well.

We rely heavily on the use of public and private grazing land for our livestock. I feel that the allotments that we run our livestock on have been improved with the use of fences around the riparian areas and cross fences to divide the pastures for rotation of grazing.

We have run cattle in the Devil's Canyon allotment which has a cross fence for rotation and several enclosed springs and reservoirs for watering livestock and wildlife. In the Big Beaver Creek allotment there are three pastures for rotation purposes and the Beaver Creek riparian area is fenced for minimum grazing to build up the creek banks and establish a healthy willow stand. In the Atlantic City common allotment four corner pastures have been fenced for controlled grazing of riparian areas.

For these reasons I feel that **Alternative A** would be very beneficial to the livestock producers as well as the public. I like the concept of the range improvement projects being done on a case by case basis as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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