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November 15th, 2016

Mr. Pete Obermueller, Executive Director
Wyoming County Commissioners Association
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Dear Pete,

On November 15th, 2016, the Board of Washakie County Commissioners voted unanimously to participate in the Wyoming Public Lands Initiative. We see this as an opportunity to develop and propose an agreeable resolution to the pending status of our three Wilderness Study Areas.

We are planning on forming an advisory committee; but will wait until after our workshop scheduled for December 6th, 2016 from 2 to 4 PM in the Washakie County Commissioners room at the courthouse. The proper formation of this committee, we believe, will be essential to the success of our local efforts, as well as statewide.

Because of the numerous planning efforts, past and present, we believe Washakie County has many positive working relationships with the suggested stakeholder groups. This should help us hit the ground running. We plan on entertaining many proposals from many constituents, and envision an open and fair forum to develop a final recommendation.


As to working with other counties, we are aware of some multi-county proposals already being discussed, and are therefore ready to form constructive coalitions to consider these cooperatively.

Our goal is to have a written, documented proposal within the envisioned timeframe, but will not rush the process at the expense of a good product. Our participation is conditioned on the intent that if a change is made to our proposal or any multi-county proposal after leaving our local forums; we will be given the opportunity to consider and agree to the change, or to pull our proposal(s). That being said, we look forward to a successful initiative and a possible model for the future of Wyoming and other states.

Sincerely,



Aaron Anderson, Chairman
Washakie County Commissioners



Terrence D. Wolf, Member
Washakie County Commissioners



Fred W. Frandson, Member
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