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Re: USFS Region 4 Bighorn Sheep Risk Assessment

Dear Mr. Camino, Mr. Porter and Mr. Wilson,

Thank you for your letter addressing the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Region 4 bighorn sheep risk assessment and implementation along with its potential impacts on USFS Region 2 and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The Wyoming Domestic Sheep-Bighorn Sheep Interaction Working Group management plan is strong. It has served Wyoming well. I support Wyoming's plan and will continue to direct state agencies to follow it. I appreciate your organizations' help in developing this plan and your commitment to implement it.

It is essential that federal agencies follow Wyoming's plan across the state in order for it to succeed. I am committed to this goal. My office is working with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Wyoming State Livestock Board and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture to provide input on the USFS Region 4 risk assessment and subsequent analysis. Your assistance

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as I work with USFS and BLM is appreciated.

Please contact me or Jessica Crowder (307-777-8204 or [jessica.crowder@wyo.gov](mailto:jessica.crowder@wyo.gov)) (who I have asked to lead Wyoming's efforts on the Region 4 risk assessment) with questions.

Sincerely,



Matthew H. Mead  
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