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Rob Hoelscher Pinedale Ranger District P. O. Box 220 Pinedale, WY 82941

RE: Sweetwater, Blucher & East Squaw Creek Allotments

Dear Mr. Hoelscher:

The Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) has represented Wyoming livestock producers since 1872. Our membership includes the permittee on the above allotments.

WSGA previously participated as an intervenor in the litigation whose settlement vacated the previous Decision memo reauthorizing livestock grazing on these allotments. We subsequently submitted scoping comments on the NEPA analysis of grazing on these allotments.

We pleased that, after many years of unacceptable delay, you have released the draft EA. WSGA fully support the proposed alternative to reauthorize current grazing on these allotments. While we understand your reluctance to undertake analysis of increased grazing use, as requested by some commenters, under the current process, we urge that you respond to this request in a timely manner through additional analysis.

WSGA is committed to remaining engaged as you move toward issuance of a final decision on grazing in these allotments. Please keep us informed of future opportunities to comment as well as to file objections.

Sincerely,

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Jim Magagna Executive Vice President