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Attention Reviewing Officer:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments regarding the Request for Information (RFI) on Federal Old-Growth and Mature Forests for Federal Register Volume 87, 156: [FR Doc No: 2022-17441].

Our comments are specific to our mission: dedication to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources and quality of life. As the proposed project could affect our industry, citizens, and natural resources it is important that you continue to inform us of proposed actions and decisions and continue to provide the opportunity to communicate pertinent issues and concerns.

The WDA supports the evaluation and management of old-growth and mature forests at the local level under guidance recognizing each regions' Ecological Site Description and site potential. Assessments and management of federal land should be evaluated on a state-by-state, and forest- by-forest basis within the direction embodied in each individual Land Use and Resource Management plan.

The WDA looks forward to the opportunity to review the universal framework to help define and plan for adaptive management on Federal Old-Growth and Mature Forests as it is proceeds through the development process. If you have questions, please contact Linda Cope, Senior Policy Analyst at 307-777-7024.

Sincerely,

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