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Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Liz Cheney, U.S. Representative  
416 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cheney:

Sweetwater County greatly appreciates your leadership in creating and introducing a congressional bill that may bring closure to the Wilderness Study Area (WSA) issue in Wyoming. Sweetwater County strongly agrees with you that the final decision to manage these areas has been delayed long enough, and it is time to decide how these areas should be best managed for the benefit of our local communities, the state and nation.

To assist your effort to create a bill to address WSAs in Wyoming, at its last regular board meeting, the Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners passed, in a 3 to 2 vote, a recommendation regarding the WSAs in Sweetwater County for consideration in drafting your bill. This recommendation states:

*"That all Wilderness Study Areas within Sweetwater County, including those lands that are shared with the other counties, receive a full release by action of the Congress of the United States and that (Representative Liz Cheney) should work toward that goal."*

This recommendation was based upon approximately 200 public comments received through a Sweetwater County web page, a public hearing conducted on March 6, 2018, and through public comments submitted directly to individual commissioners. It was from these comments that the board made the WSA recommendation as stated above.

Again, as a board we greatly appreciate your leadership in attempting to bring to conclusion the Wilderness Study Area issue in Wyoming.

If you have any questions regarding the above Sweetwater County WSA recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact any one of the following members of the Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners at 307-872-3897.

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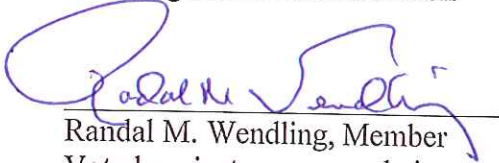
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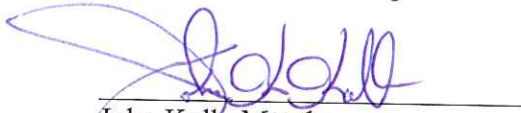
Reid O. West, Chairman  
Voted against recommendation



Wally J. Johnson, Member  
Voted for recommendation



Randal M. Wendling, Member  
Voted against recommendation



John Kolb, Member  
Voted for recommendation



Don Van Matre, Member  
Voted for recommendation



Attest:



Steven Dale Davis  
Sweetwater County Clerk

- cc: Governor Mead  
Senator Barrasso  
Senator Enzi  
Secretary Zinke  
Mary Jo Rugwell, Director, BLM Wyoming State Office