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Office of the Governor

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Bureau of Land Management Rawlins Field Office Attn: Dave Simons 1300 N 3rd Street Rawlins, WY 82301

RE: Comments on the Final Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Desolation Flats Final EIS

Thank you for the opportunity to make final comments on the Desolation Flats Final Environmental Impact Statement.

It is my understanding that portions of the Rawlins RMP Citizen's Proposal are located within the Desolation Flats analysis area. The Governor's Planning Office had previously written a letter to Director Bob Bennett requesting that the BLM continue to look at possible boundary expansions to the Adobe Town Wilderness Study Area during the revision process (see attached). Governor Freudenthal continues to believe that this area should receive the due attention during the revision process and be protected through appropriate stipulations and potentially no additional leasing within the proposed expansion until the final Rawlins RMP decision is made.

I request that this be considered in the final record of decision for Desolation Flats.

Best regards,

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CC: BLM Director, Kathleen Clark
BLM State Director, Bob Bennett
Popo Agie Conservation District
Sweetwater Conservation District