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Dear [Title] [Last Name]:

Thank you for providing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) with data and information on your agency's efforts to conserve greater sage-grouse. The conservation efforts your staff entered into the Conservation Efforts Database (CED) will be of great assistance to the status review being conducted by the Service to determine if greater sage-grouse warrants protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

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We are grateful for the extra time and effort by your staff to enter data in the CED, and believe that it will help ensure that we have the best available information on greater sage-grouse conservation efforts that are in place, or underway, throughout the species' range. Using a web-based system to capture the geographic location and effectiveness information of the conservation efforts for an ESA status review was a new endeavor for the Service.

To date, over 6,400 records have been entered in the CED. This volume of information is another strong indicator of the unprecedented and collaborative approach to conserve imperiled sagebrush habitats from threats such as fire and invasive species, expanding development, and habitat fragmentation. These conservation efforts could help conserve habitat for many other species including elk, mule deer, and golden eagles.

We applaud your efforts to conserve greater sage-grouse, and appreciate that your agency entered them in the CED. We are particularly grateful for the efforts of [name 1, name 2, name 3] as they were instrumental in the CED data entry process.

Sincerely,

Noreen Walsh
Director, Mountain-Prairie Region