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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20240



Honorable Mathew Mead
Governor of Wyoming
State Capitol, 200 West 24th Street
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

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Dear Governor Mead:

First, let me congratulate you on the recent passage of the legislative revisions to bring Wyoming statutes into alignment with the wolf management plan adopted last summer. Thank you for your leadership in accomplishing this important milestone.

We also appreciated the opportunity you provided to review and contribute to the associated draft revised Wyoming Game and Fish Commission regulations and the proposed addendum to your wolf management plan.

With the recent legislative revisions, and if the revised regulations are adopted as proposed, we believe that the State will have accomplished the conforming changes to Wyoming State law and regulations upon which our approval of the Wyoming Wolf Management Plan was conditioned.

Following approval by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, we will reopen the comment period on our delisting rule in order to provide the public and the scientific peer review panel the opportunity to review and comment on the final legislation, regulations and management plan amendment in the context of our delisting proposal.

Thank you again for your continued leadership on this complex issue.

Sincerely,

DIRECTOR