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Dear President Bousman and President Sims,

All Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use plans or amendments are subject to a Governor's consistency review to ensure conformity with state and local plans, policies, and programs. According to 43 CFR 1610.3-2(e) the BLM is required to submit any proposed plan or amendment to the Governor prior to final approval. The Governor has 60 days to identify inconsistencies and provide written recommendations to State BLM Director (Don Simpson). Any discrepancies identified by the Governor must be resolved before the BLM can issue a Record of Decision.

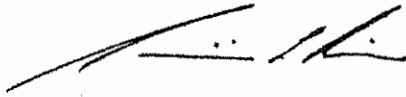
If the Governor recommends changes to the proposed plan or amendment not raised in the public process, the BLM State Director must provide a 30-day public comment period on the changes. In the event that the State BLM Director does not accept the Governor's recommendations, the Governor has an additional 30 days in which to appeal in writing to the BLM Director (Bob Abbey). The BLM Director must accept the Governor's recommendation if it is determined the recommendation provides a reasonable balance between national interest and the state's interest. The BLM Director acceptance or rejection of the Governor's recommendations must be reduced to writing; be provided to the Governor and be published in the Federal Register.

The Governor as a matter of policy does not interpret or make judgments on local plans, policies, or programs. Counties and conservation districts have the opportunity to complete their own consistency review which the Governor will submit and include by reference in his communications to the BLM. At the start of the consistency review period the Governor's Office will make a written request to impacted counties and local conservation districts for local review. This request will outline timeframes and any other relevant information. Comments from local counties and conservation districts should focus on specific inconsistencies with plans, policies, and programs and provide recommendations for addressing consistency. If a county or conservation district does not respond, there is a presumption that the plan or amendment is consistent.

President Bousman, President Sims  
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If you have any questions please contact me at 307-777-5629 or [jerimiah.rieman@wyo.gov](mailto:jerimiah.rieman@wyo.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerimiah L. Rieman". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke and a small loop at the end.

Jerimiah L. Rieman  
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