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John Cox  
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Dear Director Cox,

I am writing on behalf of the eight Wyoming national forests, located in the Rocky Mountain and Intermountain Regions, of the USDA-Forest Service. The Forest Service is pleased to endorse and fully supports the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) grant application to secure supplemental Stimulus funds. We understand the funds would be applied to transportation projects with an emphasis on wildlife connectivity.

The Forest Service, in cooperation with other federal, state and non-governmental natural resource and land management agencies, has assisted WYDOT in developing a package of projects designed to improve highway safety and wildlife connectivity. Wildlife is an important resource in Wyoming. As land managers, wildlife habitat and connectivity are key components of our stewardship. Our agency priorities are specifically focused on reducing habitat fragmentation, maintaining and improving wildlife connectivity & movement and preserving open space.

The projects proposed by WYDOT compliment our goals and efforts to preserve, enhance and restore ecological functions associated with wildlife connectivity and movement. They will also provide a safer and more efficient transportation system.

The Forest Service appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with WYDOT on behalf of Wyoming's wildlife – a regional and national treasure. If we can be of any further assistance in this regard, please let me know. Thanks.

Sincerely,

*Mary H. Peterson*

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