

WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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Federal Register Notice
Department of Energy
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic
Environmental Impact Statement, Amend
Relevant Agency Land Use Plans, Conduct
Public Scoping Meetings, and Notice of
Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement

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Dear Ms. Souder:

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has reviewed the Federal Register Notice for the Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Amend Relevant Agency Land Use Plans, Conduct Public Scoping Meetings, and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement. We offer the following comments.

At this time, because we do not know the specific locations of future projects, we cannot give comprehensive input on issues and concerns regarding terrestrial wildlife and aquatic resources from designating corridors on Federal lands for oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission and distribution facilities.

We would like to reserve the ability to provide input when the specific projects become better defined. For purposes of programmatic scoping, there will undoubtedly be issues with individual projects concerning crucial winter range, sage grouse leks and nesting habitat, raptor nests, riparian habitats, stream crossings, and potential stream barriers.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


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