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Attached is the letter from the Governor of Wyoming on BHRL...



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**Subject:** Letter from Governor Mead

**Attached please find a copy of Governor Mead's letter referencing Black Hills Resilient Landscapes Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The hard copy is being sent via USPS.**

**Thank you**  
**Dalena**

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## Office of the Governor

October 30, 2017

Mark Van Every, Forest Supervisor  
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Re: Black Hills Resilient Landscapes Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Supervisor Van Every,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Black Hills Resilient Landscapes Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). State agencies, including the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and the Office of State Lands – Wyoming State Forestry Division, have provided comments as well. Please work with these agencies to address their comments as you work towards a final decision.

Fortunately, the Wyoming portion of the Black Hills National Forest has not experienced the mountain pine beetle damage that other portions of the Black Hills, Wyoming and the West have experienced. This is due in large part to continued efforts by multiple partners to proactively manage for stable and healthy forests. Forest products industries, conservation districts, state agencies and many other entities play an important role in reaching management goals for this forest. I appreciate the role the U.S. Forest Service plays in these partnerships and the forward thinking encompassed in this landscape scale proposal.

1 The Proposed Action includes several vegetative treatment options that are important to meet objectives for forest structure and composition and to improve forest resiliency. I support efforts to actively manage the Black Hills National Forest. The Draft EIS provides a programmatic view of how to create and maintain a healthy, resilient forest while meeting management objectives outlined in the Forest Plan. I ask that you work closely with state agencies as site specific projects are developed.

Supervisor Van Every

October 30, 2017

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Please do not hesitate to contact me or Jessica Crowder (307-777-8204 or [jessica.crowder@wyo.gov](mailto:jessica.crowder@wyo.gov)) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew H. Mead', is written over a horizontal line.

Matthew H. Mead  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Michael B. Enzi, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable John Barrasso, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable, Liz Cheney, U.S. House of Representatives  
Brian Ferebee, Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, U.S. Forest Service