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Re: Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Environmental Impact Statement and Resource Management Amendment

Dear Erin,

Thank You for bringing your program to Walden, Colorado on October 22, 2013.

Please find enclosed my comments with regard to the above draft.

Perhaps your editing has caught these errors in the draft, but if not, I offer the following: On page 208 of the draft the third paragraph has been inadvertently inserted into the middle of the second paragraph. Also on page 12, active leks in Jackson County are reported to be 32 and on page 246, active leks in Jackson County are reported as 39.

I have lived in Jackson County for forty years and I am native born to Colorado. I have owned a 48 unit mobile home park in Walden since 1985. I currently work part-time as a surveyor for a local engineering firm.

Basically, my hopes are for a balance in federal and state policy/regulation allowing for the people who reside in Jackson County the opportunities for decent employment and a reasonable expectation of quality in their lives. The current social economic situation in Jackson County is not well and so what we do here in association with these policies and the large acreages of government controlled surface and split estate minerals, which have such great potential to affect private lands, becomes extremely important to our citizens.

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On page 12 the draft reports the sagebrush habitat in Jackson County is largely intact and there is little threat of fragmentation. I am hopeful that the state of lands and grouse are healthy enough in Jackson County to allow the limited monitored growth on our horizon. In my opinion, Jackson County is already experiencing, in anticipation of these proposed federal policies, a trend of deferring growth to private lands. It is ironic that these lands, settled because of their wealth producing capabilities, will be taken from agricultural production to commercial use while the poorer soils and lands contained in much of the BLM acreages will remain unspoiled.

I believe Alternative D has the most potential for success. I believe the Alternative D stipulations, hopefully cloaked with common sense, found in Appendix E and the allowable disturbance cap outlined in Alternative D in Appendix F will allow a framework to develop natural resources and fluid minerals in Jackson County. I would suggest the implementation and monitoring of these policies in Jackson County be handled by resources offices located within Jackson County. Staff, residing here, would be accountable to their own community and would be contributing their children to our school system, their paychecks to our local economy, and volunteering their many skills to the boards, committees and volunteer organizations that help make us a healthy community.

Thank You for Your Time,



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