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Project Comment ID	ePlanning Submission ID	Date Submitted	Email Submission Info	Comment	Attachment(s)	Notes	Response	Was name provided?	Positive or Negative	Outside Comment Period?	Number of Comments Found	Number of Substantive Comments	Changes to the document
113	MEA-1-500336218			I am normally all about public lands being in public hands, but with the administration that we currently have in this country and with concerns over how the BLM will "use" this land, I am hesitant to be glad that this land is out of private ownership. As long as it stays like it is, I'm in support of the acquisition. However, if this gets leased to someone or some company who wants to put a wind farm, solar farm, or other eye sore on it, I'll be not only disappointed, but this to me doesn't fit the public lands in public hands definition.				No					
68	MEA-1-500336219			I am writing to comment on the proposal for the BLM to acquire the EA Marton Ranch. Thank you for this opportunity to offer my input.  I believe this is an opportunity that the BLM should not pass up. A parcel of land this large would offer a great benefit to the public and would add to Wyoming's great legacy of open spaces for wildlife to thrive and for people to recreate in a relatively unspoiled environment. Many more people would benefit from having this parcel remain intact than if it were to be subdivided and sold off.  I hope these lands will be managed in a way that is sensitive to wildlife, and that human recreation will be limited to activities which are sensitive to the natural environment.			Relating to wildlife habitat, the Bates Hole Management Area (BHMA) and the North Platte River Special Recreation Management Area (NPR SRMA) established by the Casper Resource Management Plan (Casper RMP) addresses wildlife habitat protections and treatments. To add to these, the environmental assessment (EA) states, "Decision 6008. "Lands that are reconveyed or acquired will be managed in the same manner as the adjoining public lands." page 4, Section 2.3, Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition EA.		yes		1	1	No
148	MEA-1-500336221			As long as the Marton Ranch doesn't have very many open roads, I anticipate the resource impacts from opening it up to the public to be low. I encourage the BLM and state of Wyoming to allow the sale of the Marton Ranch to the BLM to proceed without delay.			Relating to off highway vehicles (OHV) and roads, the ongoing efforts for the Bates Hole Travel Management Plan (BHTMP) will now include the Marton Property. Furthermore, the EA states, "Decision 6008. "Lands that are reconveyed or acquired will be managed in the same manner as the adjoining public lands." page 4, Section 2.3, Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition EA.		yes		1	1	No
9	MEA-1-500336226			This is a win for multiple use on BLM lands. This provides really good opportunity for the state of Wyoming to increase access, restore crucial habitats for big game and other sensitive species, and increase hunting opportunity while maintaining open spaces. This land could be lost to subdivisions and result in a net negative for the people of Wyoming.			Thank you for your comment.		yes		1		No
144	MEA-1-500336230			I would suggest additional spawning closures or if that isn't viable due to owning one side of the river only, maybe you guys could ban wading during the month of April so unethical or unknowing anglers don't negatively impact the wild trout spawn.  If that isn't an option, at least place significant signage educating anglers at common spawning grounds. The spawning grounds are generally stable year to year and more education for anglers or additional regulations would be helpful for the health of the fishery.			Added signage and education mitigation to the Wildlife-Fisheries Mitigations section.		yes		1	1	Yes
13	MEA-1-500336233			I support the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition, as it will open up land to the public and also open up public land that was previously landlocked.			Thank you for your comment.		yes		1		No
147	MEA-1-500336242			I encourage the BLM to choose option B and purchase the ranch. The value to fisheries, tertiary wildlife, plants, and general land conservation is high. In addition to these benefits the purchase would provide river access for anglers, and boaters. If managed for it, the lands would give access to hunting and other recreation.  It is unfortunate that Governor Mark Gordon weaponized this process against a purchase that is nothing but an incredible benefit to the public and the ecosystems that are a part of this land parcel. Only after facing the public outcry for going against this popular proposed purchase did he say he supported it, just criticizing the process. That is disgraceful to see a Wyoming governor act in such a petty way and it is important for the people of Wyoming to remember this. Wyoming values conservation, wildlife, our public lands, and access to them.			Thank you for your comment.		yes		1		No
162	MEA-1-500336247			I am very familiar with this piece of ground as I hunted it for over 20 years as private ground. I am concerned that the surface area on this ground is going to be abused with off road use. The owners of this property were careful to limit off road activities on the property which minimized damage. The BLM has a very poor record of managing property which is obvious in virtually every example. Most large tracts of BLM ground around the state will have significant damage from off road abuses.  I would also encourage the Wyoming Game & Fish in conjunction with the BLM work on improving wildlife habitat. This property has been grazed very hard by domestic livestock. The Bates Hole provides significant wildlife winter range for Pronghorn Antelope. Pronghorn migrate from Shirley Basin to seek winter feed along with the resident herds. Projects need to be identified and grazing especially domestic sheep must be carefully managed.  Thank you.			Relating to OHV and off road use, the ongoing efforts for the Bates Hole Travel Management Plan will now include the Marton Property. Relating to wildlife habitat, the Bates Hole Management Area established by the Casper RMP addresses wildlife habitat protections and treatments. Relating to grazing, the EA states, "Decision 6008. "Lands that are reconveyed or acquired will be managed in the same manner as the adjoining public lands." page 4, Section 2.3, Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition EA.		?		3	3	No

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132	MEA-1-500336258		I support the acquisition of the land. It will provide enhanced recreational opportunities and provide more access to the public. Kiddos to the BLM for pursuing it.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
96	MEA-1-500336259		I think it would be foolish to let such a wonderful opportunity to acquire more recreational public land on the North Platte go by. Definitely acquire and manage it. The \$10,000 loss of property taxes would be more than made up by fishermen and hunters and outdoor enthusiasts coming to the area and camping, staying hotels, eating in restaurants, shopping, etc. with more opportunities to fish and explore and hunt.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
35	MEA-1-500336261		I appreciate the professional work involved in preparing this informative EA.  After reviewing the EA, I strongly support the Proposed Action Alternative. This proposed acquisition is reasonable. The nominal reduction in property tax revenue would be more than offset by the increased economic benefits and sales/room tax revenue from enhanced public recreation and related local spending.  Aside from significant public recreation benefits, this acquisition would also enable BLM to protect many endangered and other special status wildlife species. To do this, BLM would need to ensure that it restricts any human or livestock uses on the acquired land that may harm these species or their habitats.  I hope this proposed acquisition is approved and successfully completed. I then hope that BLM will manage this land better than it would have been privately managed, especially with respect to improved wildlife and habitat protection.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
42	MEA-1-500336267		I urge BLM to go forward with this land purchase. It would improve access to other public lands and provide access to the Platte River. It would provide great public benefit. Thank you			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
2	MEA-1-500336271		This acquisition is necessary to improve wildlife conservation and public recreation.  I disagree with the myopic and regressive Wyoming officials who have tried to stop this acquisition. I don't think they care about the public benefits.  I commend BLM for this positive effort.			Thank you for your comment.	No			
136	MEA-1-500336278		I am a resident of Wyoming and I support the BLM's purchase of the Marton Ranch. Thank You, Randall Stern Saratoga Wyoming			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
127	MEA-1-500336350		I wish to indicate my support for the BLM purchase of the Marton Ranch in Natrona County in the strongest possible terms. The purchase will be an asset to sportsmen in the county and state, bring in more local revenue than the prior use did, and not amount to a net subtraction of agricultural use of land in the county in any fashion.  Indeed, I was very disappointed that the Governor sought to challenge this.  Please proceed with completing this purchase.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
108	MEA-1-500336999		The loss in income to the counties of \$10,000 (less for Carbon County) in property taxes for the area—0.001 percent of total property taxes levied in Natrona County in 2022, is insignificant compared to the gains in wildlife and recreation opportunities. Also, this loss is most likely a short-term effect, as increased populations in the counties will allow for increased PILT payments.  This addition to public land is a huge benefit for local residents, both in the form of increased recreational opportunity and increased visitor spending (non-residents coming to hunt and fish).			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
46	MEA-1-500337028		I am strongly in favor of the BLM acquiring this property for public use. However my support is contingent upon the intent of the purchase NOT to be for future renewable energy production, i.e. not for placement of wind turbines or solar panels and associated infrastructure. The land would also need to be available for hunting, fishing, other recreational uses as well as still being available for agricultural uses.  With traditional ranch lands rapidly being fragmented by subdivision, or purchased by absentee investors with little or no concern for the qualities that make our State so unique, I feel it is more important now than ever that our open spaces be preserved by any means possible. And the fact that this purchase accomplishes that goal while also enabling those open spaces to be enjoyed by the public, now and for generations to come, I feel that I must support it.  I can not see a reason to oppose the purchase other than for personal or selfish reasons.			The BHMA and the NPR SRMA were created by the Casper RMP and put restrictions on development in the area. Relating to recreation and grazing, the EA states, "Decision 6008. "Lands that are reconveyed or acquired will be managed in the same manner as the adjoining public lands." page 4, Section 2.3, Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition EA.	yes		3	3 No
4	MEA-1-500337042		This is a great addition to the public estate. A true once in a generation opportunity. The WY GOV can go lick a rock. All his comments are based on deception and politics. The minimal reduction in tax money is negligible. I can't wait to explore this new public land!			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
128	MEA-1-500337059		Hello, I am a concerned citizen of Wyo that strongly objects to the BLM buying any prooerty in our state without complete transparency to the public. The state of Wyo should have first right of refusal on land purchases in Wyo. Thank you, Paul Portillo		Same comment and commenter as 129	Thank you for your comment.	no		1	No
129	MEA-1-500337067		Hello, I am a cocerned citizen of the United States Of America / Wyoming. I want to make it known that I do not believe our government agency's should conduct any land transactions without complete tranperancy to the public. Furthermore I feel the state the property resides in should get first right of refusal to any private land sales. Thank You, Paul Portillo		Same comment and commenter as 128					
140	MEA-1-500337072		I support the Proposed Action for improved recreation, and benefits for fish and wildlife.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No



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92	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337790</a>		I strongly encourage BLM to complete this acquisition. This is a willing-seller, willing buyer arrangement that will greatly improve public access through this highly utilized corridor and will have huge benefits for wildlife and the public at large.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
5	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337793</a>		What a great opportunity for public access and the preservation of this beautiful place for wildlife. Fishing paradise too boot. I sure hope this land deal, which will benefit citizens of Casper, Wyoming, and the US goes through. Lost property tax revenue will be more than made up by tourism and just good old quality of life.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
105	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337794</a>		I am in full support of the BLM purchase of the Marton Ranch. As the entire west is facing increasing development pressure, increased recreational usage, increased population growth, now more than ever we need to be protecting our open spaces. This purchase would help protect the Marton Ranch from being, someday, developed into subdivisions, while increasing recreational opportunities for hunters, fishermen and outdoorsmen of all types.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
80	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337795</a>		Hi there,  My name is Josh Harrison. I have lived in Wyoming five and a half years and am an avid outdoorsman, indeed that is why I moved to Wyoming. I hold a PhD in Ecology and Evolution and have worked for non-profit groups doing restoration ecology, academia, and the government. I currently work in the biotech field. Demographics are middle-aged, homeowner, and someone that does basically every outdoor sport with a name (and some without). I mention all this because I think my opinion on Marton Ranch transfer mirrors that of my friends with shared interests and demographics. I would like to see the Marton Ranch land transfer go through and I do NOT want to see a concomitant sell off of public lands elsewhere in the state.  I moved to Wyoming to enjoy the outdoors. Our public lands and the recreation opportunities provided on them is why most people come to Wyoming and responsible for our burgeoning tourist industry.  We have all seen public lands becoming more crowded over the past few years, this is not going to change as the demand will continue to grow. I would like to see supply-side solutions to crowding, in other words, more land for us to recreate on. Consequently, I strongly oppose selling off matching amounts of federal land elsewhere in the state so that the total proportion of publicly managed lands in the state stays the same post-transfer of the Marton Ranch. I could be convinced to sell of some land if it was landlocked and in the middle of development (e.g., a square in the middle of town), but would prefer to avoid such sell-offs since those open spaces often make a neighborhood more desirable and do provide ecological benefits. Under zero circumstances am I favor of selling of public land that is not-landlocked.  I look forward to recreating on the Marton Ranch. I plan to fish, hunt, bike, and maybe trail run on the property, so long as those activities are deemed acceptable. This would be another reason for me to head up to the Casper region (the other being the great skiing on Casper Mountain!)  Regarding the extra burden on wildlife officials (or others) for managing this property. I am in favor of charging an entrance fee. This could be modest for locals (say \$20 a year or \$5 a day) and more for non-locals. I live in Laramie and would happily pay a few bucks to come up and fish if that kept the Ranch in good management standing. (As an aside, I want to see more state funds go to outdoor recreation because I think it is an investment that will give a high return.) I also suspect you could find volunteers willing to swing by and pick up trash or restock bathrooms. The model of a camp host might work well for that sort of thing, if usage becomes high enough to warrant it.  Thanks for your time,  Josh Harrison			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
16	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337796</a>		There is a real need for public lands to remain open in the West where the last of the open lands is a premium. We are currently being overwhelmed with people trying to get here in the West because of their fears of mixed populations. They are building like crazy on lands in Montana; we have lost many ranches which will be taken over in housing for this influx. We cannot emphasize the need for open land enough in my opinion; the drawbacks for this purchase are minimal.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
135	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337798</a>		I am in support of the Marton Ranch LWCF project. As a public land hunter, even though a non-resident of Wyoming, I use public land exclusively for my recreation. This is an excellent example of willing seller and a win-win for the public and the landowner. I would encourage the BLM to continue working with NGO partners and other willing landowners to improve access and solve access issues often created when isolated public parcels are landlocked by private lands. I strongly support this acquisition.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
145	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337799</a>		After reviewing the documentation on the Marton Ranch proposed purchase I want to go on record as fully supporting the effort of BLM to acquire the Marton Ranch. The reasons are listed below.  1--Shore based anglers have much less access than those who have the means to afford a boat and a guide. This purchase will open up many miles of access for those who can't afford a guide.  2--Many have said that half of Wyoming is federally owned. However, in reality large portions of that are controlled by private landowners due to access problems. This is a chance to block up many scattered tracts so management can benefit the public who actually own the land.  3--I've read that some estimate that 10,000 dollars will be lost in property tax to Natrona County. This notion is false. The reality is that this purchase will increase tax revenue by many times that amount to the county because of the taxes paid by thousands of recreational anglers and tourists. If the average guided angler spends 1000 dollars a day, they are paying in excess of 50 dollars just in sales tax. Times that by many thousand annual trips and both the state and the county are making a windfall in tax revenue off Grey Reef recreation. This purchase helps to ensure those revenues continue.  4--This purchase is a rare opportunity to acquire access to one the the highest quality Blue Ribbon fisheries in the nation. Usually this type of access is unavailable at any price. Yet this purchase will create an astounding 8 miles of public access. I'm not aware of anything like it in the entire nation. This purchase should be the highest priority of the Wyoming BLM state office.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
14	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337802</a>		This deal is a no brainer, the BLM should absolutely move forward with the purchase of the Marton Ranch.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
91	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337803</a>		As a sportsman and recreationalist I highly, highly, highly support this acquisition.  Wyoming is among the best states in the country for recreating on public lands and this purchase in this area will greatly add to that reputation.  This is a willing buyer/willing seller transaction that the public supports. I greatly urge the BLM to do everything in their power to make this purchase go through.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No

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19	MEA-1-500337806		As a Montana resident, I fully support this acquisition. I appreciate the landowners willingness to sell to a public agency which will benefit future generations of public land users. Especially at a time when private land is being acquired by wealthy interests with no desire to be a good neighbor to State and Federal agencies.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
11	MEA-1-500337808		<p>This land purchase provides public access to a stretch of Wyoming that is a highly desirable area and has crowding and public access issues. Specifically, the Grey Reef stretch of the Platte River is a highly desirable fishing destination that receives tourism/recreation traffic throughout the year. This land purchase and public access provides additional locations for the public to enter and spread out traffic on this stretch of river. Additionally, the land purchase would provide valuable hunting opportunities.</p> <p>The opportunities that this land purchase provides would increase tourism and recreation dollars to the area. Instead of the Marton Ranch area being limited to those willing to pay outfitting and guiding fees, the public could access this area bringing in dollars to fly shops, fuel stations, grocery stores, sporting goods stores, etc.</p> <p>Additionally, the State of Wyoming should not be dictating whom a private landowner can sell or transfer their land to. This purchase actually benefits the recreating citizens of Wyoming as opposed to bowing down to the extremely small population benefited by the welfare ranching industry.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
158	MEA-1-500337809		The BLM should be allowed to make this purchase. It is a huge benefit to the outdoorsman to gain access to previously land locked public lands. I see no reason for the state of Wyoming to object to this proposal.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
155	MEA-1-500337811		I fully support the purchase of the Marton Ranch by the Bureau of Land Management.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
109	MEA-1-500337812		<p>Very much supportive of this acquisition in support of public access and conservation. Thank you to BLM for having a positive impact on our future.</p> <p>Sincerely, Neil Harber</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
141	MEA-1-500337814		As a year-round Wyoming resident, I am in support of the Bureau of Land Management purchasing this land and providing additional opportunities for recreation, whether it is fishing, hunting, motorized, or otherwise. If this sale goes through, I do not see the need for the BLM to an equivalent amount of BLM-owned land somewhere else in the state.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
104	MEA-1-500337816		<p>Dear Mr. Robinson and Mr. Roehl,</p> <p>As a Lander, Wyoming resident, I spend much of my leisure time—along with my family—on public land managed by the BLM, Forest Service, Wyoming Game and Fish, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service. I believe that these agencies must care for the waterways within our state and manage them for wildlife and human use.</p> <p>The purchase of the EA Marton Ranch will increase public access to close to 9 miles of river along the North Platte River downstream of Alcova Reservoir. Access to this river and to the water is a win-win for the public. Additionally, the 40,000+ acres of previously inaccessible public inholdings will increase access to hunting, hiking, and biking.</p> <p>I believe that the purchase of this land by the BLM benefits Wyoming residents and citizens of the United States.</p> <p>Thank you or accepting public comment.</p> <p>Gratefully,  Michelle Escudero  801 S 3rd ST  Lander, WY 82520  michellelescudero@gmail.com  301.219.1836</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
159	MEA-1-500337820		I think this would be a great opportunity for BLM to acquire this ranch for open public access. The consequences to the State seem minimal at best while creating outdoor recreational opportunities on a desirable area for both resident and nonresident alike. I feel this purchase would be a great use of Federal funds.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
65	MEA-1-500337822		<p>Comment in support of Alternative B, Proposed Action to acquire the Marton Ranch in Natrona and Carbon Counties, Wyoming.</p> <p>This acquisition provides a rare opportunity to add public access along 8 miles of the blue ribbon North Platte River as well as almost 36,000 acres of land. This project is a great win for citizens of Wyoming and throughout the US.</p> <p>Please move forward with this acquisition as soon as possible.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
81	MEA-1-500337823		As a non resident sportsman that frequently visits Wyoming, I am very much in favor of this acquisition. It would benefit all involved, and has a willing buyer and willing seller. Hopefully this deal gets done and the Wyoming will have even more public access!!			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
22	MEA-1-500337826		This is great and fully support! Good job BLM			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
115	MEA-1-500337827		<p>I am strongly in favor of the BLM acquiring the Morton Ranch property because it would provide more public access to currently landlocked parcels, as well as to the Platte River riparian area. So many rivers and streams in Wyoming are locked up by private land with no access, it is important that we seek ways to provide more public access to these areas.</p> <p>The State of Wyoming's argument that this sale would harm Carbon and Natrona Counties by reducing tax revenue is false because, as the BLM's analysis has already shown, the reduction in property taxes would be an inconsequential percentage of both counties' tax base. This shortfall would likely be made up by an increase in sales and lodging taxes for Casper and nearby communities, as a result of increased recreation. If this sale goes through, I would likely travel from Lander to hunt and fish on this land.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	No			

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70	MEA-1-500337835		I strongly support acquisition of the Marton ranch and the increased quality hunting and fishing opportunities this provides. I fish in Wyoming frequently and I am always glad to see more hunting opportunities as I have expanded some of my hunting into the state.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
116	MEA-1-500337836		This is a terrific initiative under consideration by the BLM. I believe the purchase of the Marton Ranch, is especially valuable to the public who use and recreate along the North Platte River. Previously, floating the Grey Reef section, upstream of Casper, has in my experience, been challenging and somewhat frustrating because of Wyoming's interpretation of ownership of navigable waters. This results in trespass concerns for river users how might prefer to use an anchor to focus on fishing and difficulty finding a spot for lunch due to the very few public parcels of land.  The BLM will be an excellent steward of this land and the improved public access in one of Wyoming's more populous regions of the state.			Thank you for your comment.	No			
138	MEA-1-500337837		I believe the BLM purchase of the Marton Ranch to be a great success for all those currently enjoying public lands as well as future users who are yet to be. With the ongoing private and commercial encroachment onto wildland which directly affect wildlife's territories and wintering grounds, the more public lands reserved for wildlife and its users, the better. This deal would not only unlock a tremendous amount of public land, but would also safeguard current private lands by turning them into public resource.  I truly hope this deal goes through and the public takes ownership of these lands. We need more public lands, not less.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
151	MEA-1-500337840		I fully support the acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM. This would be a great win for the public and anyone trying to stop it is infringing upon the current landowner's private property rights.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
55	MEA-1-500337841		I support the transaction. This is important rangeland for all classes of wildlife and will bring this large block into public ownership which will prevent subdivision of the land and reduce conversion of critical habitat for the greater sage grouse. The land along the North Platte River is especially at risk for encroachment by homes which risks water quality and quantity for a trophy trout fishery as well as critical habitat for endangered fishes such as the Pallid sturgeon. Important vegetation along these corridors will also be maintained.  The transaction will have minimal effect on the tax base in the area and may be offset by increased recreation users spending money in the area.  I support this transaction as it provides important critical habitat for many classes of fish and wildlife. It also prevents development via subdivisions in this scenic area.  Thank you,			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
8	MEA-1-500337845		I and my family support this transfer to the BLM, future generations need wild thing and wild places, this will help provide that.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
69	MEA-1-500337851		I support BLM purchasing the ranch. To whom it may concern,			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
54	MEA-1-500337852		I am 100% in favor of the purchase of this property. It will allow the access of several miles of class 1 stream, and a large acreage of Wyoming habitat. Their is no downside to this purchase.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
79	MEA-1-500337854		This blm purchase is great for the public. I fished and hunted this area in the 1980s when the public had access. Then private owners leased the access rights to the river, denying the public equal access to these waters. This stretch of the river was "privatized" giving access to a blue ribbon river to those that paid the fishing guides, even though the fishery is maintained by the Wyoming game and fish. This purchase allows the public to access a Wyoming resource, water and fishing, on equal standing with the capitalist guides that steal a public resource to make money. The state of Wyoming has failed miserably in allowing the public access to public resources, don't let governor Gordon stop what is good for all the people of Wyoming in favor of the capitalist that buy his vote to support their greed.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
171	MEA-1-500337858		I would be very happy to see this happen and look forward to spending time on this land. I think it is awesome that the land is being purchased by the BLM, I hope it is accessible to everyone in the near future.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
117	MEA-1-500337861		I support this transaction and believe it to be a big win for the public. I hope to see Wyoming Game and Fish manage this new area like others in the state.			Thank you for your comment.	No			
143	MEA-1-500337863		I support the actions of the BLM to acquire the Marton Ranch. One of the most common issues we face in the outdoor recreation realm is limited access. Acquisitions of more federal land provide increased opportunities for all forms of outdoor recreation. With increased crowding in everything from hiking to hunting using LWCF funds to purchase property from a willing seller is one of the most powerful and widely supported tools federal agencies have.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
149	MEA-1-500337866		Currently, there are limited areas along the Platte River for families to camp, fish, and enjoy the beauty of this wonderful river in our state. Many of our citizens do not have drift boats, and cannot afford to hire guides or stay at lodges. I hope to see this development move quickly through the processes and I expect to see more people enjoying our great river.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
118	MEA-1-500337871		Acquisition will benefit the people of Wyoming in many ways for future generations. This is a no brainer acquisition.			Thank you for your comment.	No			
119	MEA-1-500337882		Terrific! I am so glad for this transfer of private land to public management and access! I wish there was more of this kind of thing in sensitive wildlife areas across the state. It would have been a real shame to have this land developed into ranchettes.			Thank you for your comment.	No			

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7	MEA-1-500337884		<p>Thank you to the BLM for accomplishing this purchase, which will be of great value to the public. I look forward to being able to hike on these lands. I knew John Marton and I think public access to these lands will be fitting tribute to him. I will be interested to follow the development of the management plan</p> <p>I do NOT agree with the proposal of Gov. Mark Gordon to give up federal owof a comparable amount of land in Wyoming.</p> <p>Thank you for all the work the Casper and Rawlins offices do for public land management and public access to these lands in Wyoming.</p> <p>Anne MacKinnon Casper, WY</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
24	MEA-1-500337887		This is a great purchase by the BLM. I am looking forward to exploring this area and fishing the North Platte. I value my privilege to recreate on public land and am excited that there is now more of it for ALL to share.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
27	MEA-1-500337888		I fully support the land purchase and the transfer of the Marton Ranch to public ownership			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
146	MEA-1-500337890		<p>I fully support the acquisition, I believe it is a win for everyone. A place that size and of that expense will only be purchased by someone with a large amount of money and it wil then be turned into their own private hunting/fishing/ranch and the general public will lose access to thousands of acres of public land, while the new landowner will gain that federal land for basically nothing or at most pennies on the dollar.</p> <p>There is no reason for this not to go as the original purchase intended, other than big money felt slighted. The former owners have the right to sell to whomever they so choose, and they chose to sell to the public interest not to the private interest.</p> <p>We dont need another corner-crossing issue.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
15	MEA-1-500337893		I fully support the acquisition of this property by the BLM. Thank you.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
30	MEA-1-500337894		I am completely for the BLM purchase of the Marton Ranch. The bump to tourism dollars should be tremendous over time and the influx of fisherman should be a real benefit to Natrona County as well as the Great State of Wyoming. Any loss of property tax dollars should easily be negated by tourism expenditures in the County. Wyoming and its residents need to be aware of tourism infrastructure as we move forward. " Locked out sections of private property " sends the message to our visitors that Wyoming is not welcoming and going forward will have a negative impact on our tourism product. Good job BLM!			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
6	MEA-1-500337896		I am strongly in favor of the BLM acquiring the Marton Ranch. This acquisition would be a huge win for hunters, anglers, and recreationists who value our federal public lands and the opportunities provided. I believe that opening up significant public access to one of our state's best fisheries will result in an increase in revenue for local outdoor stores, outfitters, fly shops, hotels and motels, restaurants, etc. in Casper and Alcova. Anglers would additionally benefit from this acquisition, as more public access in this area would serve to spread angling pressure out a bit more.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
60	MEA-1-500337901		As a public lands hunter I wholeheartedly support this land acquisition by the BLM.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
59	MEA-1-500337903		This land would be a great asset to anyone who enjoys public lands in the West. I fully support the BLM's purchase of these lands and I look forward to exploring the area.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
94	MEA-1-500337908		I support this acquisition by BLM. I commend the Governor for requiring clarification on the original proposal, and BLM for providing same. It will benefit maximum users at minimum cost, and add significantly to the rich public land heritage of the region and state.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
23	MEA-1-500337915		<p>I write to offer my unqualified support for the Marton Ranch purchase. As a Wyoming resident for 73 years, I very much appreciate that the BLM is interested in acquiring lands which benefit sportsmen.</p> <p>I am very disappointed that the State of Wyoming does so little for sportsmen -- so often transferring state lands to private individuals (usually from out of state) so that those individuals can block public access to lands; I am so grateful that the BLM does not do this. When I hear legislators talking about transferring public lands to the State of Wyoming, I know that the true goal would be to "manage" in a way that would screw the public and public recreation interests in favor of industry and wealthy ranchers. It is a shame that the State does so little to provide the Wyoming Game and Fish Department with steady financial support.</p> <p>I quite frankly view Governor Gordon's opposition to this sale as posturing -- an attempt to pander to the so-called conservative base.</p> <p>I would be happy to discuss this with anyone who wishes to do so. 307.235.6681,</p> <p>Very Truly Yours, Cameron S. Walker</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
76	MEA-1-500337918		I have lived in the western US all of my life. The federal government already owns and controls too much land here. No more federal land accumulation. Any accusation must be preceded by and equal divesture of other and similar lands.			Thank you for your comment.	no		1	No
38	MEA-1-500337931		I support this acquisition. Habitat loss is one of the most pressing issues confronting wildlife in our state, and this ensures more habitat.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
93	MEA-1-500337937		I am a long time user and enjoyer of public lands in this area. This is a rare and wonderful opportunity and I strongly support the acquisition.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
50	MEA-1-500337953		Accessibility to public land can be an issue in Wyoming. For this reason alone I support the Marton Ranch purchase. As tourism is becoming ever more important in Wyoming it may also more than offset the taxes lost.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
29	MEA-1-500337969		<p>I strongly believe that the BLM should be aloud to purchase the Marton Ranch Property for the good of the people of Wyoming.</p> <p>Thanks, Christopher Harmon 465 Western Ave. Buffalo Wyoming 82834. sunkency2@aol.com</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No

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28	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337970</a>		I support the acquisition of the Marton Ranch and oppose any sale of an equivalent amount of public land elsewhere in Wyoming. This acquisition strengthens access to public lands, waters and resources.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
53	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337977</a>		This appears to be an outstanding opportunity to make addition land available to hunters, fishermen and recreationists in Wyoming and I wholeheartedly support the BLM purchase for the purpose of making the property available to the public.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
56	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337985</a>		Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I just recently learned of the purchase of this property by the BLM. As a resident of Wyoming for 69 years and witness to increasing difficulty accessing public lands and decreasing access to private lands that are purchased by wealthy out of state entities, I am STRONGLY in favor of this addition to our public lands. My mother often said that they are not making anymore land and any opportunity to acquire public land at a reasonable cost should be pursued. As to the Governor's request that an equal amount of land be divested, this is not in the interest of the average Wyomingite. I would agree that lost tax revenues to the county will likely be compensated by increased tourist/fisherman traffic.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
89	<a href="#">MEA-1-500337988</a>		More land to be accessible is always a good thing every year hunters and fishers donate to access yes and things like that to be able to have more area to roam. The federal government should never have to back down from something that helps the citizens as a whole the state of Wyoming is being ran by shameful people if they think this land purchase is wrong it's clear they only care about the money aspect. If you're worried about the blue ribbon trout fishing in that area take a good look at the miracle mile 5.5 miles of river not one single piece of it is private yet there's no worries about over fishing even though there's always parking lots full of cars out there. It seems the state if trying to money grab along with the outfitters and guides that have "owned" that section of river for years and have had to pay them to be able to access it or learn how to row a drift boat. I support the purchase of this land and normally I don't like what the feds do but this is a step in the right direction for me.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
110	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338006</a>		I support the BLM acquisition of the Marton Ranch. My dad's family comes from the north-central Wyoming area and we have made use of BLM and state lands for deer, elk and antelope hunting and trout fishing. The lands being acquired through this proposal will give ample opportunity for hunting and trout fishing for the citizens of Wyoming and outdoor enthusiasts from other states who visit Wyoming. If this land is acquired by the BLM, I will be planning a trout fishing trip to the area due to the increased access available to me given the fact that I will be able to walk along the bank of the North Platte River. Before I would have been restricted to a smaller section of public land or been forced to use a drift boat, which I currently do not own. This will be a big gain for the public at large.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
90	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338017</a>		This is a vital addition to the public lands and access to all Wyoming residents. This should be completed with all haste.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
168	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338018</a>		I'm against the sale of this ranch to the BLM.		Same comment and commenter as Comment 169	Thank you for your comment.	no		1	No
169	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338019</a>		I'm against the sale of this ranch to the BLM.		Same comment and commenter as Comment 168					
37	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338021</a>		Simply put, I support the BLM buying the EA Marton Ranch. The super rich are invading our State to create their own playground on their terms. They are raising our property taxes and we don't get any long term relief from our legislature. This sale to the BLM will be for all the Public.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
66	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338034</a>		This is the best outcome of a large private owned lands becoming public land! Wish it could become more wide spread. If there are wild horses occupying these lands; they must not be hunted, or rounded up for sale! They must be left alone and protected! The BLM should make purchases like this in California!! Jeanne France Whitmore, CA 96096			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
120	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338064</a>		I applaud this proposed acquisition. It is clearly in the public interest to protect these lands.  I don't understand why some Wyoming officials may oppose this acquisition. Providing more public access and recreational opportunities should improve the local economy and jobs. And protecting wildlife habitats should help safeguard biodiversity.			Thank you for your comment.	No			
142	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338083</a>		Great project that increased public access to a wonderful resource. For conservation this was a great acquisition. The counties will receive more in PILT than was being paid by the previous landowner so that is a non issue.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
34	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338092</a>		I am in favor of this land swap. I appreciate that it will allow more access to all people and believe the minimal tax loss is well worth the added value of the land that we can now all share.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
121	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338095</a>		I think BLM buying this ranch is a great idea. This would open up more locked up land for public use and add more opportunities for general use by all Americans.			Thank you for your comment.	No			
12	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338103</a>		Dear BLM,  I strongly support BLM's purchase of the Marton Ranch. As an avid Wyoming trout fisherman, I have been fishing this segment of the North Platte River for over 30 years. Public land and water are some of Wyoming's greatest assets. Having more public land and water to fish will be a great benefit to all Wyomingites.  Ben Parkhurst, Centennial, WY.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
156	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338127</a>		Writing in support of the purchase and the opening of a significant amount of public land. Great purchase that will benefit our outdoor economy. Thank you!			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
44	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338134</a>		I whole-heartedly approve of this acquisition. When I heard last year that Governor Gordon had moved to block the deal on flimsy and ridiculous grounds, I feared it might be dead in the water. I'm glad to see that the project is still alive and well. I don't currently live in Wyoming, but once this deal is completed, it will just be one more reason among many to go there. Thank you for the great work that the BLM does.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No

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99	MEA-1-500338164		<p>I wish to express my total support for the negotiation for and purchase of the Marton Ranch properties by the BLM. I have lived in Wyoming for 70 of my 73 years primarily so that I can access, hunt, fish, explore and enjoy the abundant public lands available to us here. The new acquisition of the marvelous property, together with the gaining of access to the large BLM inholdings within its boundaries is a remarkable accomplishment and a win-win for the parties to the transfer, the State of Wyoming and the public who can now explore and enjoy a classic Wyoming landscape with its wildlife and natural wonders. I look forward to my visits to the 8 plus additional miles of fishing access on my beloved North Platte River and a chance to hike the surrounding area with my wife and friends.</p> <p>I was puzzled by those who suggest that the private seller in this instance would need to submit the proposed sale to the BLM for public comment and approval. I do not understand how this could be consistent with the free transfer of private property by its owner. I am likewise concerned by suggestions that the BLM might somehow become obligated to sell comparable property into private ownership as a condition to the purchase. Both constitute unreasonable burdens upon what should otherwise be a negotiation in a free market transfer of anyone's private land. Neither should become an impediment to finalization and approval of this transfer or any similar future sale and purchase of private property.</p> <p>Congratulations to all who were involved in facilitating this remarkable addition for all present and future users of our public lands. I look forward to hearing of the final use and management plan for the area.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
150	MEA-1-500338181		<p>I am from Casper and fully support this purchase!! More public lands on the Platte River will be a benefit to the state of Wyoming and offer additional hunting and fishing opportunities and provide much needed habitat and water protections.</p> <p>I want to thank the Martons for selling their ranch and the BLM and all it's staff for putting this together.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
122	MEA-1-500338252		<p>I am totally on board with this land purchase. I grew up fishing this stretch of river and after the Wyoming Game and Fish, from pressure of fishing outfitters made this stretch flies only fishing and the outfitters contracted with the land owners, the majority of us fishermen and women were blocked from accessing one of the best fishing waters in the state. This will give us access again.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	No				
85	MEA-1-500338262		<p>I'm against the sale of the Marton ranch to the BLM. The government doesn't need to own more land in Wyoming!</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
98	MEA-1-500338264		<p>I fully support the proposed land acquisition. This acquisition would greatly expand public access to valuable recreational lands in central Wyoming.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
21	MEA-1-500338269		<p>I fully support the acquisition of this property by the BLM. The surface and aquatic biological habitats in this parcel would not be impacted by this acquisition. However, the archaeological and paleontological resources located within this parcel would receive protection under Federal ownership that is not afforded under the current private ownership. In addition, there would be greater access for hunting and fishing opportunities close to Casper.</p> <p>This would be a win for all concerned.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
123	MEA-1-500338324		<p>As a resident of Natrona County for over 30 years I was excited when the BLM acquired the Martin Ranch. I switched my antelope license to that area in 2022 because of the BLM acquisition. Really enjoyed exploring the area while I was hunting. I also look forward to walk in fishing access. I believe Wyoming will benefit more in user taxes than from property taxes.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	No				
133	MEA-1-500338381		<p>This has so much positive for the public, open spaces, quality of life, recreation, with tax revenue off set with land users.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
25	MEA-1-500338382		<p>I am in support of the acquisition. I would like it to be used for minimally developed recreation, with non motorized trails.</p>		Same comment and commenter as 26.	Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
26	MEA-1-500338383		<p>I am in support of this acquisition. I would like it to be used for minimally developed recreation, with non motorized trails.</p>		Same comment and commenter as 25						
31	MEA-1-500338384		<p>I approve of the Marton Ranch land transfers.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
124	MEA-1-500338397		<p>The Marton Ranch is a perfect example of private landowners controlling public land. Forty thousand acres of previously inaccessible federal land will now be open to its owners. That is priceless.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	No				
32	MEA-1-500338398		<p>The blm purchasing large ranches and properties removing them from the private market makes it nearly impossible for small farmers and minorities to be able to afford to start their own operation. We cannot compete with the purchasing power of our own tax dollars the next generation of farmers are doomed to share cropping like the ex slaves were following abolition this time the federal government , the like bill gates are destroying the American dream to young farmers and ranchers nation wide. The constitution has dictated what properties the federal government can constitutionally own and that has been ignored for far too long any private land should forever remain private and all public lands that are not mentioned in the constitution should be managed by the state they are in.</p>		Constitutional comment	Please see response to 310b on Ide tab.	no		1	1	No
153	MEA-1-500338402		<p>Kudos to BLM. The EA is well done. The proposed ranch acquisition is well justified.</p> <p>I believe this acquisition should help BLM manage this ranch to increase wildlife conservation and compatible public recreational uses.</p> <p>I hope this acquisition is successful. Thanks.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	No				
78	MEA-1-500338404		<p>I support the BLM purchase of the Marton Ranch. The increase in recreational opportunities for the public will benefit Natrona and Carbon counties with increased traffic and sales tax from those traveling through the area. This purchase will give the public access to more of the North Platte River which a lot of it is off limits due to private ownership of most of the river access downstream of the Grey Reef. This land will also provide more opportunities for camping and hunting due to this potential BLM land being one continuous plot unlike the checkerboard public/private land that is common in the surrounding area that is legally impossible to access most of that public land due to the public access being corner adjacent. I wholeheartedly support this purchase.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
10	MEA-1-500338409		<p>I strongly approve of this purchase and look forward to being able to access this land. Thank you for being a steward of our public land.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No

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40	MEA-1-500338410		<p>I rise in support of the BLM's acquisition of the EA Marton Ranch.</p> <p>As a Casper, Wyoming resident, I've become increasingly disappointed in the public's access to our public lands. Especially for recreational activities like hunting, fishing, and hiking. There is so much public land in this state that has been locked off. The lawsuit regarding the corner crossing has also brought to light how landowners are actively locking off access to our public lands. (The \$9 Million dollar figure being asked for in "damages" come from the differences in how much the landowner thinks his property value decreases when he cant lock off the public lands bordered by his property from the public.)</p> <p>Because of the relatively high population density (by Wyoming standards) of the nearby city of Casper, residents increasingly need access to public lands nearby for their own hiking, hunting, and fishing activities.</p> <p>I was extremely disappointed in the state governor's opposition to the BLM's acquisition. I feel this doesn't represent the needs of the people here in Casper. I believe that the value gained by the public's open access to that property more than offsets the loss of state revenue for the property, even without the benefit of increased tourist activities in the area.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
86	MEA-1-500338416		<p>I am very strongly for the purchase Marton Ranch. It is a big step towards multi use. Access benefits all american not the special interest of a few Governor Gordon has choose to protect. As a wyoming resident, I am disappointed out state would try to block an acquisition that would benefit so many of its citizens.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
77	MEA-1-500338417		<p>I would like to advocate for the purchase of the Marton Ranch property. This acquisition will only enhance the economic tourism potential for Natrona County and the State of Wyoming. Tourism is the low hanging fruit for economic growth in our state, as energy development and agriculture have largely peaked, and this acquisition fundamentally changes the attractiveness of the North Platte River corridor for tourism/sport dollars coming to us. Lastly, the conversation about making Wyoming more attractive so our youth will want to remain in state after their education is complete, should include vibrant and diverse outdoor recreational opportunities as the "bait" to encourage them to seek careers in-state. This is a wonderful opportunity to accomplish all the above for generations come. Also, the annual cost after purchase is a loss of property tax revenues of \$10,000/year. The cost/benefit skews heavily toward the purchase in my mind.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
100	MEA-1-500338461		<p>I would like to express my support for the acquisition of the Marton Ranch. It's a win for conservation and for sportsman and women of average means.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
83	MEA-1-500338462		<p>I'm glad to see parcels like this put in the public ownership when the opportunity arises. It's a big issue where we have public land that is landlocked by private individuals who refuse to allow access, so actually what is happening is the access of the on the public land is for their own enjoyment and not the publics. I also don't believe we should divest any public land unless it's in the public's best interest to do a land swap to consolidate holdings, so the public can use it.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
101	MEA-1-500338464		<p>I am in full support of the acquisition of this property by the BLM. As a flyfisherman from NJ, I purposely made a trip to visit this area in April 2023 upon hearing about this acquisition last Fall. I had never visited this area before. I spent money on airfare, a car rental, hotel, fuel, food and other miscellaneous supplies. I'm sure my visit added sales and lodging taxes to the County coffers which when combined with taxes paid by other fisherman will more than make up for lost property taxes. I encourage the BLM to work with WY Game &amp; Fish and Trout Unlimited to ensure that there are no detrimental impacts from potential increases in fishing visits and to improve the fishery now that feeder creek projects can be implemented on what was previously private property.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
84	MEA-1-500338465		<p>I support the BLM's acquisition of the Marton Ranch private property to expand public access to valuable recreation lands in central Wyoming.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
164	MEA-1-500338471		<p>See attached.</p>	230502 WMA_BLM RE Marton Ranch Land Aquisition.pdf		Thank you for your comment.	No		1	No
47	MEA-1-500338475		<p>I totally agree that the BLM should be able to buy this property WITHOUT having to sell the same about of BLM ground. There is so much checker board land in Wyoming that is "De facto private land", which is controlled by private land owners, that far exceeds this purchase amount. The claim that the People of the United States need to sell land to compensate Wyoming for this loss of land is a political ploy by the Governor. Great move by the BLM to give this property to the public. There is not one good reason for the Wyoming Governor to object to this purchase by the BLM.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
1	MEA-1-500338476		<p>I support this acquisition on the condition that BLM won't allow harmful commercial livestock grazing or other extractive human uses on this land. The use of LWCF funds should mean that BLM manages this land for bona fide conservation purposes and compatible recreational uses. BLM sadly does not always respect these conservation purposes when it uses LWCF funds. Please review the open letter at the web link below and attached, especially the section relating to past problems with BLM use of LWCF funds for conservation land purchases. I hope that BLM will learn from these mistakes and not repeat them. Thanks for your consideration.</p> <p><a href="https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/08/20/the-blm-is-broken-heres-how-to-fix-it/">https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/08/20/the-blm-is-broken-heres-how-to-fix-it/</a></p>	BLM Necessary Reforms Spotts August 2021.pdf???			No			



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71	MEA-1-500338517		<p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I was very pleased to hear of the proposed acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM. As a longtime Wyoming angler and hunter, I support the acquisition wholeheartedly. This significant parcel will provide much-needed access to 8 miles of the North Platte River, and allow for more recreational opportunities for the public.</p> <p>Thank you to the BLM and The Conservation Fund for putting together this forward-looking investment in Wyoming's public lands.</p> <p>I've lived in northwest Wyoming for nearly 31 years, and my family roots in the state go back to the 1890s in Johnson County.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
41	MEA-1-500338518		<p>I wholeheartedly approve and endorse the purchase agreement between BLM and the Marton Ranch owners to complete the purchase of said property by the BLM.</p> <p>This transfer of ownership will place these 35,000 acres in public ownership and open access for recreationists from both Wyoming and surrounding states. Those recreationists include hunters, anglers, river floaters, hikers and many others. It also opens access to some 40,000 additional acres of currently locked federal lands.</p> <p>This sale is from a willing seller and a willing buyer. The State of Wyoming has no business interfering in this transfer of ownership. Any loss of tax revenue will be more than compensated by PILT payments and increased revenue to the State by increased recreation and tourist traffic expenditures.</p> <p>I do not personally recreate on the North Platte River through this stretch but greatly value the resource for our citizens that it will open.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
163	MEA-1-500338519		<p>As a long time Natrona county resident, I cannot for the life of me , see anything negative about the marton ranch purchase. With checkerboard access becoming an issue. This purchase would allow a large continuous section of land that the public could enjoy. One of the main reasons so many of us stay in WY. I have yet talked to anyone that would be opposed to the purchase</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
111	MEA-1-500338526		<p>I am in full support of the acquisition of the Marton Ranch. I encourage the BLM to work on more projects to increase public access. Thanks for all your efforts to make this great project a reality!</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
51	MEA-1-500338527		<p>I'm writing on behalf of the Grey Reef Chapter of Trout Unlimited (GRTU) in support of the Marton Ranch acquisition.</p> <p>According to a recent report by the BLM, the sale's benefits far outweigh any negative impacts that may occur through the acquisition of the property. There will be Increased opportunities for outdoor recreation including, but not limited to Hiking, camping, big game and waterfowl hunting, and geocaching just to name a few. It will also open up fishing access along 11 miles of the North Platte Blue Ribbon trout waters.</p> <p>Impacts to the fishery can be minimized through signage, angler education, ethics, and appropriate acquisition management.</p> <p>Again, I strongly support the public acquisition of the Marton Ranch.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>G. Scott Novotny  President of the Grey Reef Chapter of Trout Unlimited</p>			Added signage and education mitigation to the Wildlife-Fisheries Mitigations section.	yes		1	1 Yes
17	MEA-1-500338532		<p>I am writing in support of the BLM's acquisition of the Marton ranch.</p> <p>The positive benefits of this acquisition far outweigh the potential loss of state revenues.</p> <p>This acquisition opens a large access areas to big game hunting, waterfowl hunting, and fishing to the public.</p> <p>The North Platte brings in people from all over the country. This brings a substantial amount of revenue into the local economy. Allowing for more access will help ease the pressure in small areas and will likely improve the overall experience of hunters and anglers.</p> <p>Thank you,  Brady Okes</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
49	MEA-1-500338533		<p>Mr. Robinson,</p> <p>I'm writing today in support of the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. I believe the benefits to the public far outweigh any negative impacts that can occur through the acquisition of the property. I expect that this acquisition will result in more tourism and opportunities for outdoor recreation for Wyoming residents and non-residents. I expect there will be more biking, hiking, camping, big game and waterfowl hunting, and of course blue ribbon fishing opportunities in abundance.</p> <p>Impacts to the fishery can be minimized by educating fishermen, providing appropriate signage on catch and release, and other appropriate methods to mitigate negative impacts.</p> <p>I'm excited for the acquisition to move forward and strongly support the public acquisition of the Marton Ranch.</p> <p>Thank you,  Erin Hamm</p>			Added signage and education mitigation to the Wildlife-Fisheries Mitigations section.	yes		1	1 Yes

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134	MEA-1-500338534		<p>I am writing on behalf of the Platte Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter #495. Platte Valley Trout Unlimited represents 69 members and the Carbon County, Wyoming area. PVTU is in support of the sale of the Marton Ranch to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).</p> <p>According to a recent report by the BLM, and the benefits of the sale far outweigh any negative impacts. Increased opportunities for outdoor recreation including hiking, camping, big game and waterfowl hunting, as well as fishing along 11 miles of the Blue Ribbon trout stream. Impacts to the fishery can be minimized through signage, angler education and ethics and appropriate management.</p> <p>George Phillips / PVTU President          Platte Valley Trout Unlimited          Chapter #495          PO Box 1248          Saratoga, Wyoming 82331          Cell: 307.349.7268          Email: pvtroutinlimited@gmail.com</p>			Added signage and education mitigation to the Wildlife-Fisheries Mitigations section.	yes		1	1	Yes
18	MEA-1-500338535		<p>As a 20 year resident of Natrona County I am fully in support of the acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM. This will benefit so many local residents and honestly non-residents alike. This opens up so much access for recreation and so much public land that used to be land locked. Of course the property will need to be managed and the BLM has proven to be much better at managing lands for public use than the state of Wyoming who often limit access to state owned public lands at the request of private landowners.</p> <p>Thank you BLM for having the vision to acquire this property before a wealthy person from out of the state or out of the country buys it. Our Governor can take a hike, literally on the newly acquired land!</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
170	MEA-1-500338537		I feel that the sale of this ranch to the BLM is a great idea. This will leave the ranch open to all of the public to enjoy, If the ranch is sold to anyone else, it ultimately will be closed off and subdivided.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
125	MEA-1-500338540		I think the BLM buying the Marton Ranch was a great thing for the public!!			Thank you for your comment.	No				
73	MEA-1-500338545		<p>The Marton Ranch acquisition by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Wyoming offers several potential advantages:</p> <p>1. Conservation of natural resources: The Marton Ranch is home to a diverse array of plant and animal species. By acquiring the ranch, the BLM can protect these resources and ensure that they are managed in a sustainable way.</p> <p>2.. Increased public access: The Marton Ranch is located in a popular recreational area, and by acquiring the ranch, the BLM can expand public access to hiking, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities. The property includes roughly 11 miles of the blue-ribbon North Platte River and the entirety of the famed Grey Reef section of the river, which is considered a premier rainbow trout fly-fishing destination. In fact, American Angler Magazine has named it the #1 spot in the lower 48 states to catch trophy rainbow and brown trout. Prior to BLM's ownership, fishing access had been limited. This alone will bring in more tourist/fisherman dollars than the loss of a paltry \$10k in tax revenue.</p> <p>3. Protection of wildlife habitat: The Marton Ranch is located in an important wildlife corridor, and acquiring the property will help to protect critical habitat for migratory animals like elk, deer, and pronghorn.</p> <p>Overall, the acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM offers a unique opportunity to protect and preserve natural, cultural, and historical resources, while also providing increased public access and potential revenue generation.</p> <p>The Marton Ranch property is a huge boost to the citizens of Wyoming who enjoy public lands.</p> <p>Thank you the opportunity to comment.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
64	MEA-1-500338547		<p>I strongly support the acquisition of the Marton Ranch.</p> <p>This purchase will open up opportunities for hunters, fisherman, and outdoor enthusiasts. I don't believe that this purchase will have any impacts on the North Platte River. There will still be the same amount of people using the river. People that truly value our public lands and appreciate the opportunities, take care of these special places.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
166	MEA-1-500338549		<p>I would like to strongly support the Marton Ranch purchase by the BLM. This property had been on the market for some time without being sold, so the BLM purchase did not prevent any other buyer from being able to buy the ranch. The BLM purchase opened thousands of acres to public use for camping, fishing, hunting, wildlife watching and other outdoor activities.</p> <p>Opposition to the sale by certain political factions philosophically opposed to the federal government increasing the area owned inside the borders of Wyoming do not reflect the views and wishes of the majority of Wyoming citizens and should be disregarded.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1		No
33	MEA-1-500338550		I oppose the BLM purchasing any land. This is not what the BLM was designed for to do. The BLM is supposed to manage public lands.			Thank you for your comment.	no		1		No

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165	MEA-1-500338551		<p>Upon reading the information supplied it looks like you are trying to eliminate cattle grazing. As per the Taylor Grazing Act these are lands chiefly valued for grazing and you keep saying it will be managed as the surrounding BLM lands but offer no further information. Does this mean that the new lands would be regulated like the present BLM lands? Who would get the lease as there is no base property. It raised a lot of questions in my mind. If you are going to eliminate grazing that will cause a lot more problems. You say in your results that there would be no change to the impacts but the fact that if grazing is gone and no one is grazing it there is a lot of lost revenue to the area. Also you report no impact on fuels and fire. Well if grazing is gone there sure will be a greater risk of greater fires and that is one of the greatest threats to the Sage Grouse. I think this about grazing needs to be answered before this goes forward. I support Alt. A because I do not think taking his much land out of production is what the intent was when the BLM was established. Grazing is a management tool and should be used and land should not be taken out of production. Between the loss in property taxes and Cattle taxes it would effect the area.</p> <p>Please do the No Action Alt.</p>			<p>Relating to grazing and fire, the EA states, "Decision 6008. "Lands that are reconveyed or acquired will be managed in the same manner as the adjoining public lands." page 4, Section 2.3, Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition EA. The Interdisciplinary Team Checklist has been updated to clarify that grazing will continue on the ground as dictated in the RMP.</p>	no		2	2	Yes
20	MEA-1-500338552		<p>As a public land owner, avid outdoorsmen, and frequent fisherman I write to you concerning the BLM acquisition of the Marton Ranch and the BLM's ability to appropriately protect this resource of the State of Wyoming. I fully support the selection of "Alternative A" option. This was a gross over reach of governmental authority and will have detrimental impacts on what once was a Blue-Ribbon trout fishery and major migratory rangeland for antelope and deer.</p> <p>In the EA released by the BLM in April 2023, it is noted that in biennial sampling of this section of the North Platte River conducted by the Wyoming Game and Fish in 2020, the fish estimates are well below the management objective for both abundance and biomass per mile. This same sample also attributed an aging fish population related to poor recruitment. Further into the EA, it is stated this newly acquired land would now allow for legal access for the public to bank fish and anchor their boats, thus increasing fishing pressure and prolong fishing activities. The roughly 8 miles of riverfront, not continual by the way, of what once was private land served as a "fish safe haven" (Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition EA, April2023), limiting anchoring and human interference thus protecting vital spawning beds to sustain the status of a Blue Ribbon trout fishery. The acquisition of this land will now allow for negative impact of direct human activity including but not limited to, boat anchoring, wade fishing, and walking on spawning beds thus expediting the destruction of this vital waterway and furthering the already evident poor recruitment.</p> <p>According to multiple mapping and GPS services, this land is already in control of the BLM. The impact on soil disturbance from an increase of off-highway vehicle (OHV) use on this land has already begun thus initiating the cascade of "indirect adverse impact to water quality", a concern highlighted in the April 2023 EA. Similar off highway vehicle use can be found on Trappers Route in close proximity to this land. Where people will frequently utilize BLM administered land for off road motored activities such as dirt bikes, side by sides, and four wheelers, visually evident by the remnants of their wheeled destruction and lasting disturbance to the soil. This serves as a stark reminder of what may become of the land in question. This similar off road destruction has already been inflicted upon the Marton Ranch land.</p> <p>One particular statement that may be celebrated in the April 2023 EA, is "No infrastructure development is planned for the acquisition area with this project". With an already evident highly residential presence established on the opposite bank, including boat ramps, residential dwellings, lodging services, etc. Paired with the close proximity to previously established camp grounds and river access points, such as those found along Trappers Route Road and Gray Reef Road, the camping and public areas are already established and there is no need for further development of the Marton Ranch Land for these amenities. The camp grounds found along Trappers Route Road and Gray Reef Road are in close proximity to this land proposition, thus no need for further human influence and development is necessary. In doing so, may further release adverse impacts on the major migratory ranges found within this land for antelope and deer.</p> <p>Furthermore, with the task of protecting this world-class fishery, comes the relentless battle of a the "Most significant known threat to Wyoming is from zebra and quagga mussels" or Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). With 78.6% of fisherman in the 2020 study by the Wyoming Game and Fish, were non-resident, their boats and gear are not native to the North Platte River. With the limitation of boat ramps to what has already been established, and never developing more, this allows for the Wyoming Game and Fish to appropriately and effectively conduct AIS check stations for all anglers entering the waterway, promoting the protection of this world-renowned fishery against the fight of Aquatic Invasive Species. In conclusion, I fully support to decision for "Alternative A" option of no change and in the event of the selection of "Alternative B" proposed action, only with precise stipulations implemented and abided by. These stipulations include, the closing of wade fishing/bank access during spring months. Regularly patrol and enforce a "zero tolerance off road policy" to protect the soil and land from wheeled disturbances and limit the harassment of the native and migratory wildlife and "indirect adverse impact to water quality". Finally, the importance of adhering to the protection of this vast piece of land from further developments or infrastructure. With the close proximity of many services and camp grounds, there is absolutely no need to disrupt this landscape further nor allow for the potential introduction of AIS with the creation of additional boat ramps.</p>	BLM Comment copy.pdf	Attachment copied into Comment cell to the left. See Comments 36 and 137.	no		3	2	No	
137	MEA-1-500338553		<p>Dear Mike Robinson and the BLM,</p> <p>As a public land owner, avid outdoorsmen, and frequent fisherman I write to you concerning the BLM acquisition of the Marton Ranch and the BLM's ability to appropriately protect this resource of the State of Wyoming. I fully support the selection of "Alternative A" option. This was a gross over reach of governmental authority and will have detrimental impacts on what once was a Blue-Ribbon trout fishery and major migratory rangeland for antelope and deer.</p> <p>In the EA released by the BLM in April 2023, it is noted that in biennial sampling of this section of the North Platte River conducted by the Wyoming Game and Fish in 2020, the fish estimates are well below the management objective for both abundance and biomass per mile. This same sample also attributed an aging fish population related to poor recruitment. 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Finally, the importance of adhering to the protection of this vast piece of land from further developments or infrastructure. With the close proximity of many services and camp grounds, there is absolutely no need to disrupt this landscape further nor allow for the potential introduction of AIS with the creation of additional boat ramps.</p>		See Comments 20 and 137.	See Comment 20 Response	no					
167	MEA-1-500338555		<p>I support the acquisition of the Marton properties by the BLM. Throughout Wyoming access to fishing has been restricted through statute and judicial interpretation to fishable streams and rivers.</p> <p>William McDowell</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1			No
3	MEA-1-500338556		<p>Opening 8 miles of spawning beds to wade fisherman and the public, will drastically increase fishing pressure and further impact fish populations. Hundreds of thousands of people already flock this waterway every year, and that was prior to it becoming public. This increase in public access will encourage hundreds of thousands more to fish it, increasing fishing pressure. People will walk across spawn beds, destroy the river banks, decorated with their litter and feces, and harass the wildlife. I urge you to follow Governor Gordon's recommendation on the proper channels of how the federal government acquires and controls land, and to divest an equal amount following this purchase. The federal government should not be the largest land owner in Natrona County. Hand the regulatory authority of this land over to the State of Wyoming.</p>		Similar to Comment 43	Thank you for your comment.	No		1			No
43	MEA-1-500338557		<p>Opening 8 miles of spawning beds to wade fisherman and the public, will drastically increase fishing pressure and further impact fish populations. Hundreds of thousands of people already flock this waterway every year, and that was prior to it becoming public. This increase in public access will encourage hundreds of thousands more to fish it, increasing fishing pressure. People will walk across spawn beds, destroy the river banks, decorated with their litter and feces, and harass the wildlife. While, you limit commercial fisherman already, limit the public fishing access too, issue select number of permits/lottery systems of day use of public fisherman, do more to protect the fish and water. 78% of fisherman are non resident. I urge you to follow Governor Gordon's recommendation on the proper channels of how the federal government acquires and controls land, and to divest an equal amount following this purchase. The federal government should not be the largest land owner in Natrona County. Hand the regulatory authority of this land over to the State of Wyoming. I urge the BLM to explore unmentioned options of control of this land, since proper channels were not properly followed, hand over this land to the State. Let the state burden the responsibility of regulating this resource from its greatest threat, the outdoorsman.</p>		Similar to Comment 3	Thank you for your comment.	No		1			No
88	MEA-1-500338559		<p>We have a Constitutional Republic system of government. We understand and abide by the Rule of Law in America for our system of government to work well. Following these principles has made America successful and prosperous. There are those in the Federal government that have cast aside these principles for greed and are following after a one world order agenda.</p> <p>I do not understand bureaucracy well. However I know that this transactions has bypassed Wyoming governance. I asked the Natrona County Commissioners long ago about this transaction. Their response was that they were UNAWARE.</p> <p>The Wyoming Governor said that it bypassed his office.</p> <p>The Wyoming Legislature did not debate to approve or disapprove of this transaction.</p> <p>Information was difficult to obtain for the Wyoming public throughout the process while elected officials were unaware until the process was done. This is NOT how our system of government works in Natrona County or in the State of Wyoming.</p> <p>Furthermore the documentation would affirm the suspicion that the people and vehicles are discouraged and perhaps will be excluded from the land while the taxpayer foots the bill.</p>		State legislature response	Please see response to 310b on Ide tab.	no		1		1	No
131	MEA-1-500338560		<p>Please see my attached letter and incorporate it into the comments considered in this EA. Thank you, Peter Nicolaysen</p>	BLM Marton Ranch Comment_pcn.pdf		Thank you for your comment.	yes		3		3	No
48	MEA-1-500338562		<p>I wholeheartedly endorse the acquisition of the Marton Ranch property in order to provide public access and wildlife habitat. I feel that this acquisition would provide a valuable resource for the public.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1			No
52	MEA-1-500338565		<p>Continue with the purchase as originally agreed with the landowner. A few political nut jobs who hate public land are leading a band of dipshits to block this acquisition. This acquisition will benefit generations of public land users. If the blm doesn't acquire the land then it will just end up in the hands of another rich asshole.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1			No

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62	MEA-1-500338566		After review of the document, I wanted to state my support for Alternative B, proposed action; that the BLM in partnership with The Conservation Fund (TCF) acquire the approximate 36,000 acre Marton Ranch parcel in Natrona and Carbon Counties, Wyoming.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
139	MEA-1-500338568		The property must remain in production agriculture, as it is managed today. A change in use to wild horses or non-production agriculture will not be sustainable. Non-grazing will result in catastrophic wildfires. Wild horses will over graze the property. The public needs to be limited in access or there will be dire environmental consequences from excessive off road travel. The purchase should have been more publicly advertised. Taking public comment at this time is to little to late. My sincere hope is the BLM will be a responsible owner of the land.  Representative Tom Walters (HD 38) 14700 HWY 220 Casper, WY 82604			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
82	MEA-1-500338571		Dear Mr. Robinson, This letter is in response to the Scoping Notice for the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition Environmental Assessment (EA; April 2023) conducted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Casper Field Office. The Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation (WY-WSF) feels that the federal acquisition of the Marton Ranch is one that has long-term benefits for wildlife, recreationists, and sportspeople. The WY-WSF recognizes the unique challenges of managing natural resources in this part of Wyoming given the checkerboard pattern of land ownership in the area. Acquisition of the Marton Ranch creates a large contiguous federal parcel that conforms with the BLM Land-Use Plan, under the multiple-use mandate, while providing greater recreation, hunting, and angling opportunities for both Wyoming citizens and visitors to our state. The potential tourism that comes along with this new access will undoubtedly positively affect the economies of the surrounding communities and counties. The EA does an excellent job of analyzing the positive effects that this land acquisition could have on big game species that currently use the habitat within the boundaries of the property. In addition to pronghorn, mule deer, and elk, the WY-WSF suggests that federally acquiring these parcels will also benefit Wyoming's bighorn sheep. The Marton Ranch is located directly between the Laramie Peak and Ferris-Seminole bighorn sheep herd units, with the northwest corner of the property positioned within a bighorn sheep Cooperative Review Area. Federal ownership of this parcel of land provides for future management that could increase bighorn sheep habitat connectivity and sportsperson opportunity. Please consider the lasting impacts and opportunities that this land exchange will have on wildlife (including bighorn sheep), recreation, and public access in a truly unique area of Wyoming. On behalf of the Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation, we formally support the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. Sincerely, Katie Cheesbrough Executive Director Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation	WYWSF_BLM_MartonRanch_Comments_5-11-2023.pdf	Copied letter over to comment cell to the left.	Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
87	MEA-1-500338572		As a former Sheridan County Wyoming County Commissioner and lifelong Wyoming resident, I am fully supportive of the BLM purchase of the Marton Ranch. Any willing sales and purchase transaction should be supported by all in our free market system. The Governors challenge is nothing but pure politics at it's worst. Making these lands and waterway accessible to the general public will help alleviate pressure ion other recreations lands in Wyoming. It opens many opportunities for the recreating public in our state. The BLM should not even consider a reduction of land holdings to facilitate this purchase. We need all the recreational opportunities available for those of us that are not well heeled enough to afford the exorbitant trespass fees that many private landowners charge, even when simply walking through a small strip of private lands to access thousands of acres of our 'Public' BLM lands. It is simply hogwash to be concerned about the loss of tax revenues if these lands are in BLM hands.. Recreation income for the State of Wyoming is solidly the number 2 income generator for Wyoming State and local governments. In some past quarters it was even in first place. Ranching is a hard life, but this segment of Wyoming's economy is dwarfed by Recreational income generated by residents and non-residents alike. Stick to your guns - you have done an excellent job in acquiring this property for us and future generations of the recreating public. Lawrence A Durante			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
154	MEA-1-500338576		You should open this land for public use and not have to sell any other BLM to do so.			Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
126	MEA-1-500338580		Don't do it, choose Alternative A, No Action Alternative. Feds don't need more unmanaged land!			Thank you for your comment.	No			
61	MEA-1-500338585		I am strongly opposed to the federal government's purchase of the Marton Ranch! Wyoming has approximately 50% government owned land. To further add to this is to decrease the availability of land for beginning ranchers at a time when the agricultural population is becoming aged. The consolidated land exchange was designed to accomplish acquisition of parcels that the federal government deems exceptionally valuable for public use. The consolidated land exchange should be what is used to acquire the Marton Ranch. The United States was founded with private property rights being a very important guiding principal. Furthermore, it appears that the consent of the state legislature must be obtained before the federal government completes the acquisition.  Sincerely, James W Kruse		State legislature response	Please see response to 310b on Ide tab.	no		1	1 No

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172		4/21/2023	Bernie Bornong 16 Widgeon Drive Sheridan, WY 82801 307-672-5463 bornongbernard@gmail.com	I favor the BLM purchase of the Marton Ranch parcel for the following reasons: 1. The hunting, fishing, hiking, river and other outdoor recreation opportunities that will be provided. 2. Most of the BLM managed land within the parcel is isolated, and would be made more accessible with the acquisition. We need fewer Fred Eshelman public land-locking situations. 3. Any private property tax loss can be made up by PILT or similar programs, and from the increased recreational spending. Public land is only going to become more valuable in the future. The argument about too much public land is only made by the privileged few, as opposed to the majority of Wyoming residents who benefit from public land opportunities. Thank you for your work on this.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
173		4/23/2023	Eric Stevens 242 Farrall Rd, Sundance, WY 82729 ebstevens186@gmail.com	I would like to express my full support for the BLM project to acquire the Martin Ranch in Natrona County, WY and manage it as public land.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
174		4/24/2023	Ken Patterson Star Valley Ranch, WY mailto:kpgvid@gmail.com	I fully support the public agency acquisition of the Marton Ranch. I am an angler, drift boat fisherman and dedicated public lands user. The acquisition will add an important public use area. I have no concerns about the loss livestock or other ag production the acquisition may cause. I am a bit astonished that the initial acquisition process has been called into question. Adding the Marton Ranch to Wyoming's public lands recreation opportunities portfolio will likely produce significant economic benefit.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
175		4/24/2023	Ernest Trujillo 3861 Cynthia Drive Casper, WY 82609 mailto:rtruj@juno.com	I wanted to voice my support of the Marton Ranch Acquisition. Please make this happen as soon as possible. And you can go tell Mark Gordon and the rest of his rancher buddies to go fuck themselves for trying to stop this acquisition.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
176		4/26/2023	Rich Hepner 571 Thelma Dr. Casper, WY 82609 3072599792 mailto:r.hepner@yahoo.com	My name is Rich Hepner and I reside in Casper Wyoming. I am a Wyoming native for 64 years. I am in 100% favor of the Marton ranch acquisition! Please push it through. In addition the tax dollars being wasted to stop this acquisition needs to be put to an end!			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
177		4/26/2023	Harrie Dennison 445 Mission Blvd Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5346 pwrski@sbcglobal.net	Dear Project Manager Mike Robinson, Thank you for the opportunity to comment in response to the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. As a public land supporter, I want to thank the BLM for their work to improve and expand public land access in Wyoming. Acquisitions such as the Marton Ranch are a critical tool to addressing the over four million acres of landlocked state and federal public land in Wyoming. The voluntary sale and acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM respects private property rights while adding 70,000 acres of public land access, and eight miles of access to the North Platte River. This acquisition will have lasting benefits for generations to come. I have full confidence in the BLM, WGFD, and other cooperating agencies to effectively manage this landscape for the public benefit, including hunting and fishing. Please continue working with willing landowners on similar projects across the state to expand public access.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
178		4/27/2023	Robinson Brooks 1166 Del Rio Rd Powell, WY 82435-8541 brooksrobinson335@yahoo.com	Dear Project Manager Mike Robinson, Thank you for the opportunity to comment in response to the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. As a public land supporter, I want to thank the BLM for their work to improve and expand public land access in Wyoming. Acquisitions such as the Marton Ranch are a critical tool to addressing the over four million acres of landlocked state and federal public land in Wyoming. The voluntary sale and acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM respects private property rights while adding 70,000 acres of public land access, and eight miles of access to the North Platte River. This acquisition will have lasting benefits for generations to come. I have full confidence in the BLM, WGFD, and other cooperating agencies to effectively manage this landscape for the public benefit, including hunting and fishing. Please continue working with willing landowners on similar projects across the state to expand public access.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
179		4/27/2023	Todd Helms 151 Delaney Ct Powell, WY 82435-4543 thelms307@yahoo.com	Dear Project Manager Mike Robinson, Thank you for the opportunity to comment in response to the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. As a public land supporter, I want to thank the BLM for their work to improve and expand public land access in Wyoming. Acquisitions such as the Marton Ranch are a critical tool to addressing the over four million acres of landlocked state and federal public land in Wyoming. The voluntary sale and acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM respects private property rights while adding 70,000 acres of public land access, and eight miles of access to the North Platte River. This acquisition will have lasting benefits for generations to come. I have full confidence in the BLM, WGFD, and other cooperating agencies to effectively manage this landscape for the public benefit, including hunting and fishing. Please continue working with willing landowners on similar projects across the state to expand public access.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
180		4/27/2023	Craig Okraska 205 Washington St Lander, WY 82520-2249 cokraska@gmail.com	Dear Project Manager Mike Robinson, Thank you for the opportunity to comment in response to the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. As a public land supporter, I want to thank the BLM for their work to improve and expand public land access in Wyoming. Acquisitions such as the Marton Ranch are a critical tool to addressing the over four million acres of landlocked state and federal public land in Wyoming. The voluntary sale and acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM respects private property rights while adding 70,000 acres of public land access, and eight miles of access to the North Platte River. This acquisition will have lasting benefits for generations to come. I have full confidence in the BLM, WGFD, and other cooperating agencies to effectively manage this landscape for the public benefit, including hunting and fishing. Please continue working with willing landowners on similar projects across the state to expand public access.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No







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203		4/28/2023	metaylor mailto:metaylor@wyoming.com	I support the BLM acquisition of the Marton Ranch in hopes that it is managed for Wyoming wildlife and not oil and gas development.			The EA states, "Decision 6008. "Lands that are reconveyed or acquired will be managed in the same manner as the adjoining public lands." page 4, Section 2.3, Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition EA.	Yes		1	No
204		4/28/2023	mailto:sethfranke83@	In favor. A wonderful legacy act for future generations.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
205		4/28/2023	Spencer Peterson 240 B St Bedford, WY 83112 petersonspencer@ymail.com	Dear Project Manager Mike Robinson, Thank you for the opportunity to comment in response to the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. As a public land supporter, I want to thank the BLM for their work to improve and expand public land access in Wyoming. Acquisitions such as the Marton Ranch are a critical tool to addressing the over four million acres of landlocked state and federal public land in Wyoming. The voluntary sale and acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM respects private property rights while adding 70,000 acres of public land access, and eight miles of access to the North Platte River. This acquisition will have lasting benefits for generations to come. I have full confidence in the BLM, WGFD, and other cooperating agencies to effectively manage this landscape for the public benefit, including hunting and fishing. Please continue working with willing landowners on similar projects across the state to expand public access.	Same as 274	Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No	
206		4/29/2023	Linda Maglione sunsetlinda@gmail.com	I am in favor of the BLM acquiring the Marton ranch. However, an equal amount of BLM/federal property needs to be transferred to private ownership. As a 40+ year resident of the state of Wyoming I DO OBJECT to the federal government owning increasing amounts of land in our state. Good choices for the transition would be the multiple parcels of federal land scattered throughout our state that are land locked by private land. Thank you.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
207		4/29/2023	Jon Bailey, Laramie, WY mailto:jbbaileywy@yahoo.com	Good Afternoon, The purchase of the Marton Ranch by the BLM is a great move for Wyoming in terms of public land access and recreation. With the purchase of the ranch, sportsmen and women can hunt, fish, camp, and recreate upon land previously off limits. I support the purchase.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
208		4/30/2023	Aidan McCormick 29595 elk view drive Steamboat Springs, CO 80487-9471	Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson: I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
209		4/30/2023	Theodore Evans 31 Castle Rd. Mt. Crested Butte, CO 81224	Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson: I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
210		5/1/2023	Steven Thorburn 2325 21st Road Geneseo, KS 67444- 9107	I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No
211		4/29/2023	Marla Patterson <kpgvid@gmail.com >	I entirely support the BLM acquiring the Marton Ranch and providing public access to the North Platte River and surrounding rangeland. This is an outstanding opportunity to create a legacy access for generations of sportsmen and recreational users. This is a perfect example of balancing public use with the other the other multiple uses of grazing, mining and petroleum extraction. Congratulations. Job Well Done. And "Thank You" to the Marton Family.	Routed from David Roehl	Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No	
212		5/1/2023	Shanon E. Stockwell mailto:stockwell.ncwp@gmail.com	I believe that the BLM's purchase of the Marton Ranch and opening the river stretch open to the public is not so much a matter of environmental impact but rather an issue of fishing guides in the Casper area losing private access to a stretch of river that they have exclusively had access to. The opening of this area to public use would be a great addition for fishers and hikers to explore and enjoy the beautiful North Platte River that locals and travelers alike seek out during peak times of the year.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No





















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274		5/1/2023	Spencer Peterson 240 B Street Bedford, WY 83112 mailto:Petersonspencer@gmail.com	<p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p> <p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p>	Same as 205	Thank you for your comment.	Yes			1	No
275		5/1/2023	Benjamin Strand 4350 hyacinth Eugene, OR 97404 mailto:Benjaminstrand@hotmail.com	<p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p> <p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p>		Thank you for your comment.	Yes			1	No
276		5/1/2023	Zach Swope 1627 21st Street Cody, WY 82414 mailto:zachswope@live.com	<p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p> <p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p>		Thank you for your comment.	Yes			1	No
277		5/1/2023	Brittany Swope 1627 21st Street Cody, WY 82414 mailto:bnordberg18@gmail.com	<p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p> <p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p>		Thank you for your comment.	Yes			1	No
278		5/1/2023	Mike Soper 6609 Mt Shasta Drive Bakersfield, CA 93309 mailto:mike@soperhomes.com	<p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p> <p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p>		Thank you for your comment.	Yes			1	No
279		5/2/2023	Matthew Walsh-Sarnecki 2403 Delaware Blvd Saginaw, MI 48602-5247 mailto:antimattermatt@gmail.com	<p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p> <p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p>		Thank you for your comment.	Yes			1	No





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292		5/2/2023	ERIC JANZER 1008 Road 9 Powell, WY 82435-9225 eric.janzer@comcast.net	Dear Project Manager Mike Robinson, Thank you for the opportunity to comment in response to the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. As a public land supporter, I want to thank the BLM for their work to improve and expand public land access in Wyoming. Acquisitions such as the Marton Ranch are a critical tool to addressing the over four million acres of landlocked state and federal public land in Wyoming. The voluntary sale and acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM respects private property rights while adding 70,000 acres of public land access, and eight miles of access to the North Platte River. This acquisition will have lasting benefits for generations to come. I have full confidence in the BLM, WGFD, and other cooperating agencies to effectively manage this landscape for the public benefit, including hunting and fishing. Please continue working with willing landowners on similar projects across the state to expand public access.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No
293		5/2/2023	Jim Magagna Executive Vice President Wyoming Stock Growers Association Office 307-638-3942 Cell 307-630-6800 jim@wysga.org www.wysga.org	See WSGA tab.	Letter		See WSGA tab.	No		8	6	No
294		5/2/2023	Larry Thoney Sheridan, WY	Dear Mr. Robinson and Mr. Roehl, Attached are letters I'd sent earlier to WY's Congressional Delegation and Gov. Gordon earlier regarding the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. I strongly support the purchase and commend the BLM for triggering such a worthwhile acquisition. Please consider this and the attached letters as my input and support for the acquisition. Thank you for your work! Happy healthy trails-Respectfully, Larry Thoney Sheridan, WY	Letters received and copied into the project file.	Attached letters were not available. Requested new ones and received hard copies on May 22, 2023.	Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No
295		5/2/2023	Guy Litt 508 S 9th St Laramie, WY 82070-3926 mailto:litt.guy.f@gmail.com	Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson: I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No
296		5/2/2023	Luke Stacy 7 shimmer lander, WY 82520 mailto:lps1720@gmail.com	Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson: I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No
297		5/2/2023	Mason Crawford 3465 state rte 164 Leetonia , OH 44431 mailto:rangefinder2016@gmail.com	Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson: I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No
298		5/2/2023	Michael Reed 6363 Garden Creek Casper, WY 82601 mailto:michaelwyoiced@gmail.com	Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson: I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No









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325		5/8/2023	Brock Wahl 2445 Pointe Loop Bismarck, ND 58503-7425 mailto:Brockwahl@hotmail.com	Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson: I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!				Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No	
326		5/9/2023	Andrew Basinger 165 flint mountain drive Stuarts Draft, VA 24477-2936 mailto:basingera.hsc2010@gmail.com	Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson: I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!				Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No	
327		5/9/2023	Andrew Betances-LeBlanc 2728 Natalie Ln Steilacoom, WA 98388-4307 mailto:Piercedkoi121@gmail.com	Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson: I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters & Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch. Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming. Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned. Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!				Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No	
328		5/9/2023	Kayla Knutson 104 Main St Epping, ND 58843-4309 kknutson21@gmail.com	Dear Project Manager Mike Robinson, Thank you for the opportunity to comment in response to the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. As a public land supporter, I want to thank the BLM for their work to improve and expand public land access in Wyoming. Acquisitions such as the Marton Ranch are a critical tool to addressing the over four million acres of landlocked state and federal public land in Wyoming. The voluntary sale and acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM respects private property rights while adding 70,000 acres of public land access, and eight miles of access to the North Platte River. This acquisition will have lasting benefits for generations to come. I have full confidence in the BLM, WGFD, and other cooperating agencies to effectively manage this landscape for the public benefit, including hunting and fishing. Please continue working with willing landowners on similar projects across the state to expand public access.				Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1		No	
329		5/10/2023	MICHAEL JENSEN/Wyoming Council Coordinator Wyoming Trout Unlimited PO Box 22182 Cheyenne, WY. 82003 Cell: 307.421.3188 Email: mike.jensen@tu.org	Dear Mr. Robinson: I'm writing on behalf of the Wyoming Council of Trout Unlimited (WYTU), representing 12 Chapters and over 1,600 members across Wyoming in support of the sale of the Marton Ranch to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). According to a recent report by the BLM, and the benefits of the sale far outweigh any negative impacts. Increased opportunities for outdoor recreation including hiking, camping, big game and waterfowl hunting, as well as fishing along 11 miles of the Blue Ribbon trout stream. Impacts to the fishery can be minimized through signage, angler education and ethics and appropriate management. Again, WYTU strongly supports public acquisition of the Marton Ranch.	Yes, letter copied into Comment cell in its entirety.	Same comment and submitter as 331.	Added signage and education mitigation to the Wildlife-Fisheries Mitigations section.	Yes		1		1	Yes	
330		5/10/2023	Erin Hamm mailto:ehamm13@comcast.net	Mr. Robinson and Mr. Roehl, I'm writing today in support of the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. I believe the benefits to the public far outweigh any negative impacts that can occur through the acquisition of the property. I expect that this acquisition will result in more tourism and opportunities for outdoor recreation for Wyoming residents and non-residents. I expect there will be more biking, hiking, camping, big game and waterfowl hunting, and of course blue ribbon fishing opportunities in abundance. Impacts to the fishery can be minimized by educating fishermen, providing appropriate signage on catch and release, and other appropriate methods to mitigate negative impacts. I'm excited for the acquisition to move forward and strongly support the public acquisition of the Marton Ranch.				Added signage and education mitigation to the Wildlife-Fisheries Mitigations section.	yes		1		1	Yes

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331		5/10/2023	MICHAEL JENSEN/Wyoming Council Coordinator Wyoming Trout Unlimited PO Box 22182 Cheyenne, WY. 82003 Cell: 307.421.3188 Email: mike.jensen@tu.org	I'm writing on behalf of the Wyoming Council of Trout Unlimited (WYTU), representing 12 chapters and over 1,600 members across Wyoming in support of the sale of the Marton Ranch to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). According to a recent report by the BLM, and the benefits of the sale far outweigh any negative impacts. Increased opportunities for outdoor recreation including hiking, camping, big game and waterfowl hunting, as well as fishing along 11 miles of the Blue Ribbon trout stream. Impacts to the fishery can be minimized through signage, angler education and ethics and appropriate management. Again, WYTU strongly supports public acquisition of the Marton Ranch.	Yes, letter copied into Comment cell in its entirety.	Same comment and submitter as 329.	Thank you for your comment.						
332		5/10/2023	Earl DeGroot 711 Vandehoi Ave. Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009 earldegroot@gmail.com	Dear Michael Robinson, Recently, Governor Gordon requested a public comment period on the acquisition of the Marton Ranch near Casper, Wyoming. The following are my comments. I offer my full support for BLM acquiring this ranch. It will provide much improved recreational access to the North Platte River and landlocked BLM acreage lying within the ranch boundaries. As a result, the acquisition will very likely prove to be an economic benefit to businesses in the Casper area. It is difficult to imagine why anyone would oppose an acquisition that benefits both recreationists and the economy. Just as importantly, I OBJECT to the idea that BLM should have to seek public comment on the sale of private property. The governor says he does not "oppose this project but opposed the process used". Unfortunately, he wants a process that requires public comments that could delay or kill an acquisition. Furthermore, there is a danger that requiring public input might allow political interests to interfere with private land acquisitions. This would be especially unfortunate now that the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has been fully funded, which will likely lead to more acquisitions in the future. So yes, the "process" is a matter of great importance, but the process the Governor proposes is counterproductive to future acquisitions and contrary to the idea that a private landowner should be able to sell his/her property without government interference. Because the LWCF is a key funding source, it is worth summarizing some of the history of this fund. LWCF was created by Congress in 1965 primarily utilizing royalties from offshore oil and gas drilling. No tax dollars go into the fund. While royalty money has consistently flowed into the Fund over the years, Congress has often authorized expenditure of only a portion of that revenue. An estimated \$22 billion has been diverted for other purposes. Outdoor recreationists have fought for years to get full funding authorized. Finally in August 2020, LWCF became fully funded at \$900 million per year. At the request of Senator Cory Gardner, President Trump agreed to support full funding. Senator Gardner was facing a tough re-election battle in Colorado and hoped full funding would propel him to victory (it did not). Shortly after Gardner's defeat, in a move undermining his previous support, the Trump administration issued Secretarial Order 3388. That order gave state and local governments authority to veto LWCF purchases. A coalition of 100 members of Congress (and many others), found the order contrary to the intent of Congress and called on newly elected President Biden to rescind it. The Biden administration subsequently did so (Secretarial Order 3396). Clearly, it was not the intent of Congress (or the Biden administration) that state and local governments should have authority to veto LWCF purchases. The Governor's claim that LWCF purchases should be subject to public comment is in conflict with the intent of Congress. While the governor's request for public comment does not directly provide veto power, requiring a public comment period results in a delay that could potentially kill a project if a private seller is unwilling to wait and/or is concerned about the tone of the comments. Requiring a public comment period throws up an unnecessary roadblock that Congress was trying to avoid.			Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No		
333		5/10/2023	Josh Metten Wyoming Field Manager Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership 307-699-1936 (cell) mailto:jmetten@trcp.org	Dear Mike Robinson, The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in response to the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. The TRCP is a national non-profit conservation organization working to guarantee all Americans quality places to hunt and fish. The TRCP works with 63 diverse partner organizations and represents over 120,000 individual members nationally, including over 3,000 individuals throughout Wyoming. Public land access is foundational to America's hunting and fishing traditions, which is why the TRCP is an advocate for improving access to the millions of acres of landlocked public land found across the west including over four million acres in Wyoming alone. We were ardent advocates for the inclusion of full funding for LWCF in the bipartisan Great American Outdoors Act and endorse its use for voluntary acquisitions including the Marton Ranch. The Marton Ranch Acquisition respects private property rights while adding 70,000 acres of public land access and eight miles of access to the North Platte River. This acquisition will have lasting benefits for generations to come. We recognize the potential for impacts from the acquisition and transfer of private lands to public ownership managed by the BLM. The loss of property tax revenues from this sale are minimal, just .001% of total property taxes levied in Natrona County. Other potential impacts include increased recreation on newly accessible public land, impacts to the fishery, and the potential for Aquatic Invasive Species spread. The BLM, WGFD and other participating agencies can, and should, mitigate these impacts through appropriate land management and opportunities for public comment. Thank you for the chance to comment regarding the Marton Ranch Acquisition. We have full confidence that the BLM, WGFD, and other cooperating agencies will effectively manage this landscape for the public benefit, including hunting and fishing. The TRCP supports using a broad spectrum of tools to improve and expand access to landlocked public lands including: • Voluntary land acquisitions using LWCF funding • Voluntary access easements • Land exchanges	Letter copied into Comment cell in its entirety.		Thank you for your comment.	Yes		1	No		

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334		5/11/2023	Dain Liepa mailto:dainliepa@gmail.com	<p>I am writing in support of the proposed Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. As an avid fly fisherman, bow hunter and upland game hunter, this is exactly the kind of thing that I am looking for when I plan a vacation or a hunting trip.</p> <p>This summer in particular, I had the option of driving through Montana or Wyoming en route to a family gathering near Yellowstone. THE deciding factor for why I am taking my family to WY instead of Montana was the increased opportunity to use public lands.</p> <p>We want to make our road trip fun for the whole family, and we plan to book our float trips with guide services, stay at hotels and camp/sites, and stop in the local restaurants and bars in places where we can easily access our public lands.</p> <p>Public access is the deciding factor for me choosing WY over Montana.</p> <p>The same is true for where I have access to public lands for hunting. I am a DIY hunter, and I will not frequent states who do not make it possible for me to access our public lands.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. I hope you continue to work to increase access to our public lands with efforts like this, and by any type of easment/acquisition from landowners to access landlocked parcels of public land.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	Yes			1		No
335		5/11/2023	Patricia Bocanegra 13535 Voelcker Ranch Dr San Antonio, TX 78231-2246 trishasatx@icloud.com	<p>Dear Project Manager Mike Robinson,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment in response to the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. As a public land supporter, I want to thank the BLM for their work to improve and expand public land access in Wyoming. Acquisitions such as the Marton Ranch are a critical tool to addressing the over four million acres of landlocked state and federal public land in Wyoming.</p> <p>The voluntary sale and acquisition of the Marton Ranch by the BLM respects private property rights while adding 70,000 acres of public land access, and eight miles of access to the North Platte River. This acquisition will have lasting benefits for generations to come. I have full confidence in the BLM, WGFD, and other cooperating agencies to effectively manage this landscape for the public benefit, including hunting and fishing. Please continue working with willing landowners on similar projects across the state to expand public access.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	Yes			1		No
336		5/11/2023	Donna Griffin 711 Vandehei Ave. Cheyenne, WY mailto:donnagriffin@gmail.com	<p>Dear Michael Robinson,</p> <p>I support BLM acquiring the Marton Ranch in Wyoming. This is a private sale, and BLM should not have to seek public input in order to accept this land. I would not want the State (or other government entity) standing in the way of my selling land that I own.</p> <p>I object to Governor Gordon's position that there should be equivalent acreage divested for every new acre BLM acquires. This is an attempt to make it difficult for landowners to sell their land and would create many more problems.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	Yes			1		No
337		5/11/2023	Habitat Protection Program Wyoming Game and Fish Department 307-777-4506 https://wgfd.wyo.gov/ Habitat/Habitat-Protection-Program mailto:wgfd.hpp@wyo.gov	<p>Dear Mr. Robinson,</p> <p>The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition. The Department is statutorily charged with managing and protecting all Wyoming wildlife (W.S. 23-1-103). Pursuant to our mission, we offer the following comments for your consideration.</p> <p>The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to acquire a parcel of private land from the Marton Ranch in Natrona and Carbon County with the help of The Conservation Fund. The parcel contains approximately 35,669.52 acres (33,470.93 acres in Natrona County in the Casper Field Office and 2,198.59 acres in Carbon County in the Rawlins Field Office), and includes approximately 8 miles of North Platte River frontage. No infrastructure development is planned for the acquisition area with this project. The EA only covers the acquisition of the property. Any further planning or developments on the acquisition area will use the most recent Department of the Interior and BLM regulations, policy and guidance including compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.</p> <p>The Department previously provided comment to the BLM for the draft EA in our April 10, 2023 Wildlife Environmental Review letter (WER 15022.00). We appreciate the BLM incorporating several of our recommendations into this version of the EA. We continue to encourage the BLM to prioritize travel management planning for the proposed property to ensure terrestrial and aquatic habitat values are maintained and protected. Additionally, the Department continues to express concern for potential impacts to the fisheries and potential increased risk for aquatic invasive species introduction, resulting from the expected increase in recreational use by the public. The Department would welcome an opportunity to work collaboratively with the BLM to address our concerns for travel management and the anticipated increase in impacts to aquatic resources associated with the proposed Marton Ranch LWCF Land Acquisition.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Will Schultz, Habitat Protection Supervisor, at 307-777-4587.</p>	Letter copied into Comment cell in its entirety.		Relating to travel management planning, the ongoing efforts for the BHTMP will now include the Marton Property.	?			1	1	No
338		5/8/2023	Tim Kulhavy 307 267 5867 <timkulhavy@gmail.com>	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>I haven't been able to find any information on the purchase of the Marton ranch in Natrona county. I am extremely disappointed that our governor decided to put up a roadblock for the purchase of this ranch. It would allow a large continuous section to be enjoyed by the public. I can only assume that the reason Gordon is against it, is pressure from the Wyoming stock growers association, and or the outfitters of Wyoming. I and a large majority of the public would like to see this purchase go through. Any information on the sale would be appreciated.</p> <p>Thank You for your time.</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes			1		No
339		5/13/2023	Annie Kier 2940 Franklin Street Denver, CO 80205-4512 mailto:LAUGHINGVIXEN@GMAIL.COM	<p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p> <p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p>			Thank you for your comment.	yes	Out		1		No



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346		5/11/2023	Charles K. Scott 13900 State Highway 487, Casper, WY 82604 (307) 473-2512	<p>support of this transaction.</p> <p>I am familiar with the Marton ranch. Its Natrona County portion, which is a majority of the ranch, is in Senate District #30 which I represent in the Wyoming State Senate. The Marton ranch is south and west of the Bates Hole BLM stock driveway. My family's ranch, the Bates Creek Cattle Company, is north and east of the stock driveway. The two ranches do not share a common boundary, at least the stock driveway is always between us. However, some of the land portions of the ranches are similar. I have been involved in and helped organize the annual Bates Hole Christmas Bird Count which is one of the National Audubon Society's CBC's. A part of the Marton ranch is within the 15 mile diameter circle of this CBC. I have been on this part of the Marton ranch a number of times in connection with this CBC. In recent years the Martons prohibited this activity on their private land which restricted us to the public roads and the public lands involved.</p> <p>My comments on the proposed acquisition are as follows:</p> <p>1. I am strongly in support of the BLM acquiring the Marton ranch. The most important reason is to preserve and protect and to make available to the public the outdoor recreational opportunities that can be had on the ranch. These are most pronounced along the river, but the areas away from the river should not be ignored. As the population of Natrona County has grown, the need for areas protected and available to the public for outdoor recreation has grown with the population growth. I have long felt this way and acted on that feeling as a member of the Wyoming House of Representatives in 1981 I was the sponsor of the bill that created the Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park east of Casper.</p> <p>2. A second reason to support the acquisition is economic. The quality of the fishery in the North Platte River as it passes the ranch is attracting many tourists and a number of local businesses are benefiting. I assume the BLM will keep the land along the river in its current natural state. I assume that absent public ownership this land is likely eventually to be developed into a rural residential area as the river bottoms downstream from Casper have been. Fishing on the river in someone's backyard is just not the same quality of experience that the present natural state provides.</p> <p>3. A third benefit from the BLM acquiring the Marton ranch may be that the BLM could change the management of the land to reacquire the sage grouse population that the land previously had. In the early CBC counts in the late 1970's and 1980's we regularly saw sage grouse on that ranch. In more recent years these sightings have disappeared. This occurred before we were excluded from looking on the private land involved, and from what we have seen on the public lands it is continuing. In recent years our sage grouse counts have come from our ranch and the adjoining Garrett ranch. I do not know why. One idea I have heard is that the Marton ranch sagebrush stand has become uniformly mature and lacks areas with younger plants. The Grouse live on sage brush for significant periods of the year. As with many plants, the younger sagebrush contains more nutrition. Burning sagebrush is a way to get a mixed stand-the burned areas come back with new plants that are not out competed by the older mature ones. Possibly a policy of not suppressing natural range fires is needed, possibly assisted by some controlled burns. The BLM could use the sagebrush portions of the ranch as a laboratory to do some interesting work on restoring sage grouse as we know that the land was once capable of supporting a sage grouse population.</p> <p>4. I have no opposition to the idea that the BLM ought to keep the amount of land it is managing the same by selling amounts of land it currently has to offset the Marton ranch acquisition, but I do not believe as a formal matter the Marton ranch acquisition should be contingent on this; that</p>	Yes, letter copied into Comment cell in its entirety.	Thank you for your comment.	yes		1	No
347		5/18/2023	Charles Stewart 34 Cedar Dr Lyons, CO 80540- 8861	<p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p> <p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p> <p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p>		Thank you for your comment.	yes	out	1	No
348		5/23/2023	Erik Bute 256 S 3rd Street Pembina, ND 58271- 4133 erikbute@hotmail.com	<p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p> <p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p>		Thank you for your comment.	yes	out	1	No
349		5/23/2023	Jordan Salomon 1275 Theo Way Rock Island, WA 98850-9003	<p>Dear Mr. Michael D Robinson:</p> <p>I am writing to join Wyoming Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers in expressing my strong support for the BLM's recent acquisition of the 35,000-acre Marton ranch.</p> <p>Large, intact tracts of public lands like this are the bedrock of our rich Western sporting traditions. Investments in the public land access on which outdoor families have relied for generations will help boost our growing outdoor recreation economy and ensure that all Americans, regardless of their net worth or who they know, have quality places to hunt, fish and recreate in Wyoming.</p> <p>Polls consistently show that a lack of public access is the No. 1 reason why hunters and anglers give up their outdoor pastimes. I greatly appreciate the BLM's proactive approach to help address this barrier and urge you to carry forward with the land acquisition as planned.</p> <p>Thank you for proactively helping create new public access and opportunity for all!</p>		Thank you for your comment.	yes	out	1	No



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MEA-1-500338515	N	Dan Sabrosky	PO Box 50912	Not Provided		Casper	Wyoming	82605	13072598506	dansabrosky@gmail.com	Liberty's Place for You WY	Yes	
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310a				Specifically, I am writing to inform you of the Constitutional mandate that the Wyoming Legislature be involved in the approval of this land transfer. This letter discusses (1) the necessary involvement of the Wyoming Legislature in this transfer and (2) arguments in support of the Legislature's involvement in land sales and exchanges with the federal government based on general principles of federalism.		Not a substantive comment.			
310b				Ranch to the Federal Government. Article I of the United States Constitution limits the legislative power that Congress may exercise over property it acquires within a state. The Enclave Clause provides that Congress shall have the power to "exercise exclusive jurisdiction" over the District of Columbia and "exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings." <sup>2</sup> The Enclave Clause requires the federal government obtain the consent of the Wyoming Legislature in order for the federal government to govern exclusively over any property the federal government acquires within the State. Absent consent of the state legislature, Wyoming law would govern to the extent that it would not be in conflict with or otherwise be preempted by federal law. <sup>3</sup> The Supreme Court has spoken to the consequences of the federal government completing an acquisition of land within a state without the consent of the state legislature, declaring that, "the United States does not obtain the benefits of [the Enclave Clause] its [the federal government's] possession being simply that of an ordinary proprietor." Without obtaining the consent of the state legislature prior to acquiring land within the state, "the State could have exercised the same authority and jurisdiction which she [the state] could have exercised over similar property by private parties." <sup>5</sup> The Court goes on to say, "Where lands are acquired without such consent [of the state legislature], the possession of the United States, unless political jurisdiction be ceded to them in some other way, is simply that of an ordinary proprietor. The property in that case, unless used as a means to carry out the purposes of the government, is subject to the legislative authority and control of the states equally with the property of private individuals." <sup>6</sup> Although the federal government may have exclusive ownership of a tract of land, exclusive jurisdiction over newly purchased land can only be given to the federal government by the state legislature.			The BLM authority as referenced in the EA on page 3 is the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) which is based on Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution, commonly referred to as the Property Clause, states, "[t]he Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States..." not the Enclave clause referenced in this comment. Under FLPMA's planning process, the BLM completed the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Casper Field Office (Casper RMP FEIS) and the Record of Decision and Approved Casper Resource Management Plan (Casper RMP) in 2007. These documents were further extensively reviewed by Cooperating Agencies including the counties and State of Wyoming. Within the Casper RMP can be found the decisions that the BLM now administers the Casper Field Office by. As the EA states, 3 decisions within the Casper RMP specifically relate to acquisition of this property (see EA, Section 2.3). The BLM has broad, general authority to acquire lands, principally under Section 205 of FLPMA. Specifically, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire, by purchase, exchange, donation, or use of eminent domain, lands or interests therein (43 U.S.C. §1715(a)). The BLM acquires land or interests in land, including inholdings, for a variety of reasons. These reasons include to protect natural and cultural resources, to increase opportunities for public access and recreation, and to improve management of lands. <a href="https://csrcsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL34273/24">https://csrcsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL34273/24</a>		
310c				Transfers. The role of the Wyoming Legislature in relation to federal land transfers is based upon the fundamental principles of federalism. James Madison illustrated these principles by describing government formed by the American Constitution as a "compound republic" in which "the power surrendered by the people is first divided between two distant governments... Hence a double security arises to the rights of the people. The different governments will control each other, at the same time that each will be controlled by itself." <sup>7</sup> These principles are echoed by the Supreme Court in a variety of opinions dealing with issues of power sharing between the federal and state governments. In 2011 the Court noted the weight of the principles of federalism, holding that federalism concerns could satisfy an issue of standing: <sup>8</sup> "The allocation of powers in our federal system preserves the integrity, dignity, and residual sovereignty of the States. The federal balance is, in part, an end in itself, to ensure that States function as political entities in their own right. But that is not its exclusive sphere of operation... Rather, federalism secures to citizens the liberties that derive from the diffusion of sovereign power." Unless the federal government can show a constitutional grant of authority that preempts the state's involvement, the Wyoming Legislature retains the authority to decide whether to authorize land sales and transfers to the federal government. The Legislature, as the branch closest to the people, should be the entity that decides whether the state should transfer the land. In National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius, the case in which the Court upheld the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate, Chief Justice Roberts noted the important role of states as independent sovereigns. In describing the basic principles of federalism, he wrote, "the National Government possesses only limited powers; the States and the people retain the remainder." <sup>9</sup> He reiterated that the federal government "can exercise only powers granted to it," and that because of the limited scope of federal power, the federal government "must show that a constitutional grant of power authorizes each of its actions." <sup>10</sup>					See 310b.
310d				A federal actor must be specific in showing a constitutional grant of power authorizing its actions. Clearly, authority for exercising exclusive jurisdiction over land within the borders of a U.S. state requires the consent of that state, as mandated by the Enclave Clause. The Wyoming Legislature's involvement in state land transfers serves a necessary function as a check on the federal government. Based on the above analysis, it should be uncontested that any transfer of land within the borders of the State of Wyoming to the federal government is subject to the Enclave Clause of the U.S. Constitution.					See 310b.
310e				Should the BLM rescind its agreement to purchase the Marton Ranch land and re-start the acquisition process by seeking the consent of the Wyoming Legislature, the strictures of the U.S. Constitution will have been adhered to. It appears as though the BLM will accept public comment and move forward with the land transfer. Therefore, the federal government should be legally prevented from exercising exclusive jurisdiction over the land once officially acquired, leaving the State of Wyoming to regulate the land as though it were owned by any other ordinary proprietor.					See 310b.



I strongly support the subject acquisition by the Federal Government as it will be a major win for wildlife conservation and public access. I do oppose Gov. Mark Gordon's recommendation, that if this sale is approved that the Federal Government divest in an equal amount of Federal lands. If the BLM is prevented from acquiring these lands, I recommend that they be transfer to a non Profit Conservation group, ie TNC or Rocky mnt. Elk Foundation, in order to manage these important land for wildlife and the public access they provide.

Please keep me abreast of the status of this land acquisition

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131a	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338560</a>			First, I am generally familiar with the Marton Ranch and appreciate that family's good stewardship of their deeded and leased lands since the early 1980's. Responsible livestock grazing provides significant benefits to the land, flora and fauna, and, indirectly, to the public. I believe that continued, responsible grazing of livestock on the Marton Ranch should be prioritized.				1	1	No
131b	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338560</a>			<p>Second, the Wyoming Legislature has no constitutionally-mandated role in the Marton Ranch sale. There has been a suggestion that, under the "Enclave Clause" of the United State Constitution<sup>1</sup>, the Wyoming Legislature must approve the transfer of the Marton Ranch to the federal government. This is incorrect. There is no question that a private citizen has the freedom and liberty to sell their property to whomever they wish, including the sale of private land to the federal government.</p> <p>The Marton family listed their ranch for sale in 2010. From that date through the date of the sale to The Conservation Fund in 2022, anyone, including the Wyoming Legislature, could have purchased the Marton Ranch. Private property rights, and, indeed, our foundational concept of liberty, protect a person's right and privilege to sell their land to whomever they choose. Except in the most extreme circumstances (national security, being one example), government should not insert itself into this equation for politically expedient or any other purposes.</p> <p>The Enclave Clause does not prohibit either the federal government's ability to acquire land from a private citizen or its ability to manage its land. Application of the Enclave Clause is simply a matter of exclusive versus non-exclusive jurisdiction.</p> <p>The United States has the authority under the U.S. Constitution to exercise authority over federal land, whether it is enclave or nonenclave land. Article IV, Section 2, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, commonly referred to as the Property Clause, states, "[t]he Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States."<sup>2</sup></p> <p>The United States Supreme Court has made it clear that under the Property Clause, "[t]he power over the public land thus entrusted to Congress is without limitations."<sup>3</sup> Furthermore, the Property Clause permits "an exercise of the complete power which Congress has over particular public property entrusted to it."<sup>4</sup> The relationship between federal enclaves and the Property Clause has been discussed by the United State Supreme Court:</p> <p>Congress may acquire derivative legislative power from a State pursuant to Art. I, s 8, cl. 17 of the Constitution by consensual acquisition of land, or by nonconsensual acquisition followed by the State's subsequent cession of legislative authority over the land. In either case, the legislative jurisdiction acquired may range from exclusive federal jurisdiction with no residual state police power, to concurrent, or partial, federal legislative jurisdiction, which may allow the State to exercise certain authority.</p> <p>But while Congress can acquire exclusive or partial jurisdiction over lands within a State by the State's consent or cession, the presence or absence of such jurisdiction has nothing to do with Congress' powers under the Property Clause. Absent consent or cession a State undoubtedly retains jurisdiction over federal lands within its territory, but Congress equally surely retains the power to enact legislation respecting those lands pursuant the Property Clause. And when Congress so acts, the federal legislation necessarily overrides conflicting state laws under the Supremacy Clause. As we said in <i>Camfield v. United States</i>, 167 U.S., at 526, 17 S. Ct., at 867, in response to a somewhat different claim: "A different rule would place the public domain of the United States completely at the mercy of state legislation."<sup>5</sup></p> <p>(citations omitted). Congress enacted legislation respecting those lands pursuant the Property Clause when it passed the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA).<sup>6</sup> Under the FLPMA, government agencies, such as the BLM, have the power to acquire land by purchase, exchange, or donation.<sup>7</sup></p> <p>In this case, the federal government is clearly authorized to acquire the Marton Ranch and there is simply no mandated role for the Wyoming Legislature in the acquisition process. Upon acquisition, these lands may be regulated by the federal government under the FLPMA and Property Clause.</p>				1	1	No
131b	<a href="#">MEA-1-500338560</a>			Third, as a matter of practice and policy when considering acquisition of private parcels, the BLM and all other federal agencies should communicate with local government in an open and transparent manner as early as possible to understand local concerns and work in a collaborative manner to mitigate negative impacts. Without question it is the local citizens and their governments who are most significantly impacted (both negatively and positively) by changes of land use and large land acquisitions by the federal government. Many of these impacts are certain to last for generations, which underscores the critical importance of involving local communities. In this acquisition, the BLM should have done far better in this respect. Instead, trust in the federal government suffered and unnecessary time and expense were undoubtedly wasted.				1	1	No