

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Andrew Johnson
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Dear Forest Supervisor Johnson,

We are writing in regards to the Powder River District Forest Ranger position located in Buffalo, Wyoming. We understand the Forest Service is drafting a long-term strategic plan for the Bighorn National Forest – Vision 2022. While we appreciate the Forest Service’s initiative, we are concerned with any plan that could negatively impact our communities.

The Buffalo office plays an important role in providing necessary services for the community and the Bighorn National Forest at large. Wyoming residents that utilize this land and enjoy the forest depend on consistent service from the Forest Service. Any loss in the level of service would be a detriment to all that enjoy this area.

Decisions like these have far-reaching impacts. While we can all appreciate the budgetary concerns of the Forest Service, cutting critical positions in rural areas is not the answer. The Forest Service must listen to the people they serve and the communities that depend on them. We urge Forest Service leadership to abandon the proposal to leave the Powder River District Ranger position vacant.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us or any of our offices at Shawna Newsome (Enzi) at Shawna_newsome@enzi.senate.gov; Kaitlynn Glover (Barrasso) at Kaitlynn_glover@barrasso.senate.gov; and Holly Heussner (Cheney) at Holly.Heussner@mail.house.gov.

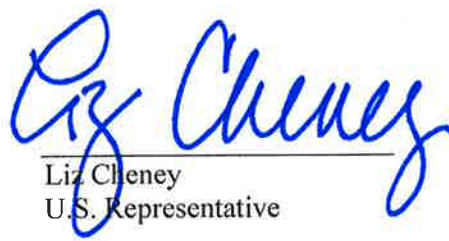
Sincerely,



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