

The Hon. Tom Tiffany
Chairman, Federal Lands Subcommittee
Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Joe Neguse
Ranking Member, Federal Lands Subcommittee
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1332 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Tiffany and Ranking Member Neguse:

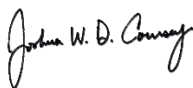
On behalf of the Muley Fanatic Foundation, I write in strong opposition to H.R.6085, offered by Rep. Hageman. This bill would have the effect of prematurely short-circuiting a land use planning process that has been ongoing for more than a decade and has the potential to provide critical, needed conservation measures for Wyoming's renowned mule deer populations that have declined more than 40% over the last three decades.

The Muley Fanatic Foundation and many other stakeholders have been intimately involved in the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan (RMP) process. The notion that Rep. Hageman would propose a bill that ignores the efforts by so many that have been put forth in this very valued public process is unfortunate to say the least.

This legislation undercuts more than a decade-long planning process for millions of acres of public land in southwestern Wyoming. Throughout this process, along with other stakeholders, I have personally participated in dozens of meetings with federal, state, and local officials, and have invested countless hours in drafting comments and providing testimony. Striking the right balance in these land use plans can be challenging at times, but I do not think that wasting all of the time and taxpayer resources that have gone into preparing the Rock Springs plan, which would be the end result of this bill, is the right course of action. Please show your support of the process as the BLM moves forward in their efforts to review more than 40,000 public comments that are submitted on the draft Rock Springs RMP and allow the BLM to share a revised plan incorporating many of these comments.

I oppose H.R. 6085, and I urge you to oppose this legislation during committee consideration.

Sincerely,



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CC: Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources