



# DAGGETT COUNTY

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The Honorable Mike Enzi  
United States Senate  
379A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cory Gardner  
United State House of Representatives  
213 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Enzi and Representative Gardner,

We are writing to express our support for your efforts to preserve states' rights and promote local management of our lands and the wildlife that inhabit them through S. 2394 and H.R. 4716, the Sage Grouse Protection and Conservation Act, you introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives. We applaud your legislation that would allow states to manage their sage grouse populations for 10 years. Local management of the bird is the best way to ensure the lasting viability of the species while allowing for responsible use of the bird's habitat.

As you are aware, rural counties such as ours will bear the greatest economic burdens if there is an ESA listing of sage grouse in the West. We depend on economic growth through the responsible use of our public lands and Federal regulation of sage grouse will drive economic development and jobs away from our county. We support state and local solutions to these complex problems and stand ready to assist in your efforts to preserve the western economy.

It is vital that states be allowed to manage the sage grouse locally. Local management benefits both the bird as well as the western economy. As locally elected officials, we understand the importance of the sage grouse and we are working hand in hand with the state, local stakeholders, and citizens to balance the conservation of this bird with our community needs. We applaud you for working with the Western Grouse Coalition to craft and introduce this vital legislation. We hope to see your legislation enacted into law so that we can continue our efforts to protect and recover sage grouse species.

Sincerely,

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