

Appendix E

Wyoming Species of Greatest Conservation Need

Wyoming Game & Fish Department, updated May 5, 2005

Type	Common Name	Scientific Name
Mammals (54)	Abert's Squirrel	Sciurus aberti
	Big Brown Bat	Eptesicus fuscus
	Bighorn Sheep	Ovis canadensis
	Black-footed Ferret	Mustela nigripes
	Black-tailed Prairie Dog	Cynomys ludovicianus
	Canada Lynx	Lynx canadensis
	Canyon Mouse	Peromyscus crinitus
	Cliff Chipmunk	Tamias dorsalis
	Dwarf Shrew	Sorex nanus
	Fisher	Martes pennanti
	Fringed Myotis	Myotis thysanodes
	Great Basin Pocket Mouse	Perognathus parvus
	Grizzly Bear	Ursus arctos
	Hayden's Shrew	Sorex haydeni
	Hispid Pocket Mouse	Chaetodipus hispidus
	Hoary Bat	Lasiurus cinereus
	Idaho Pocket Gopher	Thomomys idahoensis
	Least Weasel	Mustela nivalis
	Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus
	Long-eared Myotis	Myotis evotis
	Long-legged Myotis	Myotis volans
	Marten	Martes americana
	Meadow Jumping Mouse	Zapus hudsonius
	Moose	Alces alces
	Northern Flying Squirrel	Glaucomys sabrinus
	Northern Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis
	Olive-backed Pocket Mouse	Perognathus fasciatus
	Pallid Bat	Antrozous pallidus
	Pinyon Mouse	Peromyscus truei
	Plains Harvest Mouse	Reithrodontomys montanus
	Plains Pocket Gopher	Geomys bursarius
	Plains Pocket Mouse	Perognathus flavescens
	Prairie Vole	Microtus ochrogaster
	Preble's Shrew	Sorex preblei
	Pygmy Rabbit	Brachylagus idahoensis
	Pygmy Shrew	Sorex hoyi

	River Otter	<i>Lutra canadensis</i>
	Sagebrush Vole	<i>Lemmyscus curtatus</i>
	Silky Pocket Mouse	<i>Perognathus flavus</i>
	Silver-haired Bat	<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>
	Spotted Bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>
	Spotted Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus spilosoma</i>
	Swift Fox	<i>Vulpes velox</i>
	Townsend's Big-eared Bat	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>
	Uinta Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus armatus</i>
	Vagrant Shrew	<i>Sorex vagrans</i>
	Water Shrew	<i>Sorex palustris</i>
	Water Vole	<i>Microtus richardsoni</i>
	Western Heather Vole	<i>Phenacomys intermedius</i>
	Western Small-footed Myotis	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i>
	White-tailed Prairie Dog	<i>Cynomys leucurus</i>
	Wolverine	<i>Gulo gulo</i>
	Wyoming Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus elegans</i>
	Wyoming Pocket Gopher	<i>Thomomys clusius</i>
Birds (59)	American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>
	American Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides dorsalis</i>
	American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>
	Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>
	Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
	Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>
	Black Rosy-Finch	<i>Leucosticte atrata</i>
	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>
	Black-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides arcticus</i>
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
	Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>
	Boreal Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>
	Brewer's Sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>
	Brown-capped Rosy Finch	<i>Leucosticte australis</i>
	Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>
	Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>
	Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>
	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>
	Chestnut-collared Longspur	<i>Calcarius ornatus</i>
	Clark's Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i>
	Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>
	Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>
	Dickcissel	<i>Spiza americana</i>
	Ferruginous Hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>
	Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>
	Franklin's Gull	<i>Larus pipixcan</i>
	Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
	Great Gray Owl	<i>Strix nebulosa</i>
	Greater Sage-Grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>
	Greater Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>

	Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>
	Juniper Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus ridgwayi</i>
	Lark Bunting	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>
	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>
	Lewis' Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>
	Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>
	McCown's Longspur	<i>Calcarius mccownii</i>
	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
	Mountain Plover	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>
	Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
	Northern Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>
	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
	Pygmy Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pygmaea</i>
	Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>
	Sage Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza belli</i>
	Sage Thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>
	Scott's Oriole	<i>Icterus parisorum</i>
	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>
	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
	Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>
	Trumpeter Swan	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>
	Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>
	Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>
	Western Grebe	<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>
	Western Scrub-Jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>
	White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>
	Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>
Reptiles (26)	Black Hills Redbelly Snake	<i>Storeria occipitomaculata pahasapae</i>
	Bullsnake	<i>Pituophis catenifer sayi</i>
	Cliff Tree Lizard	<i>Urosaurus ornatus wrighti</i>
	Common Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>
	Eastern Yellow-bellied Racer	<i>Coluber constrictor flaviventris</i>
	Great Basin Gophersnake	<i>Pituophis catenifer deserticola</i>
	Great Plains Earless Lizard	<i>Holbrookia maculata</i>
	Greater Short-horned Lizard	<i>Phrynosoma hernandesi hernandesi</i>
	Intermountain Wandering Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis elegans vagrans</i>
	Many-lined Skink	<i>Eumeces multivirgatus</i>
	Midget Faded Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus viridis concolor</i>
	Northern Plateau Lizard	<i>Sceloporus undulatus elongatus</i>
	Northern Prairie Lizard	<i>Sceloporus undulatus garmani</i>
	Northern Sagebrush Lizard	<i>Sceloporus graciosus graciosus</i>
	Ornate Box Turtle	<i>Terrapene ornata ornata</i>
	Pale Milksnake	<i>Lampropeltis triangulum multistriata</i>
	Plains Black-headed Snake	<i>Tantilla nigriceps</i>
	Plains Gartersnake	<i>Thamnophis radix</i>
	Plains Hog-nosed Snake	<i>Heterodon nasicus nasicus</i>
	Prairie Racerunner	<i>Cnemidophorus sexlineatus viridis</i>
	Prairie Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus viridis viridis</i>
	Red-lipped Plateau Lizard	<i>Sceloporus undulatus erythrocheilus</i>
	Rubber Boa	<i>Charina bottae</i>
	Smooth Green Snake	<i>Opheodrys vernalis</i>

	Western Painted Turtle	<i>Chrysemys picta bellii</i>
	Western Spiny Softshell	<i>Apalone spinifera hartwegi</i>
Amphibians (12)	American Bullfrog	<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>
	Boreal Chorus Frog	<i>Pseudacris maculata</i>
	Boreal Toad	<i>Bufo boreas boreas</i>
	Columbia Spotted Frog	<i>Rana luteiventris</i>
	Great Basin Spadefoot	<i>Spea intermontana</i>
	Great Plains Toad	<i>Bufo cognatus</i>
	Northern Leopard Frog	<i>Rana pipiens</i>
	Plains Spadefoot	<i>Spea bombifrons</i>
	Tiger Salamander	<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>
	Wood Frog	<i>Rana sylvatica</i>
	Woodhouse's Toad	<i>Bufo woodhousii</i>
	Wyoming Toad	<i>Bufo baxteri</i>
Fishes (40)	Arctic Grayling	<i>Thymallus arcticus</i>
	Bigmouth Shiner	<i>Notropis dorsalis</i>
	Black Bullhead	<i>Ameiurus melas</i>
	Bluehead Sucker	<i>Catostomus discobolus</i>
	Bonneville Cutthroat	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki utah</i>
	Burbot	<i>Lota lota</i>
	Central Stoneroller	<i>Camptostoma anomalum</i>
	Channel Catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>
	Colorado River Cutthroat	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki pleuriticus</i>
	Common Shiner	<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>
	Finescale Dace	<i>Phoxinus neogaeus</i>
	Flannelmouth Sucker	<i>Catostomus latipinnis</i>
	Flathead Chub	<i>Platygobio gracilis</i>
	Goldeye	<i>Hiodon alosoides</i>
	Hornyhead Chub	<i>Nocomis biguttatus</i>
	Iowa Darter	<i>Etheostoma exile</i>
	Kendall Warm Springs Dace	<i>Rhinichthys osculus thermalis</i>
	Lake Chub	<i>Couesius plumbeus</i>
	Leatherside Chub	<i>Gila copei</i>
	Mottled Sculpin	<i>Cottus bairdi</i>
	Mountain Sucker	<i>Catostomus platyrhynchus</i>
	Mountain Whitefish	<i>Prosopium williamsoni</i>
	Northern Pearl Dace	<i>Margariscus margarita</i>
	Orangethroat Darter	<i>Etheostoma spectabile</i>
	Paiute Sculpin	<i>Cottus beldingi</i>
	Plains Minnow	<i>Hybognathus placitus</i>
	Plains Topminnow	<i>Fundulus sciadicus</i>
	Quillback	<i>Carpionodes cyprinus</i>
	River Carpsucker	<i>Carpionodes carpio</i>
	Roundtail Chub	<i>Gila robusta</i>
	Sauger	<i>Sander canadensis</i>
	Shorthead Redhorse	<i>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</i>
	Shovelnose Sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</i>
	Snake River Cutthroat	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki ssp.</i>
	Stonecat	<i>Noturus flavus</i>
	Sturgeon Chub	<i>Macrhybopsis gelida</i>
	Suckermouth Minnow	<i>Phenacobius mirabilis</i>
	Western Silvery Minnow	<i>Hybognathus argyritis</i>

	Westslope Cutthroat	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi</i>
	Yellowstone Cutthroat	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki bouvieri</i>
Crustaceans (19)	Beavertail Fairy Shrimp	<i>Thamnocephalus platyurus</i>
	Circumpolar Fairy Shrimp	<i>Branchinecta paludosa</i>
	Colorado Fairy Shrimp	<i>Branchinecta coloradensis</i>
	Crenatethumb Fairy Shrimp	<i>Streptocephalus mattoxi</i>
	Devil Crayfish	<i>Cambarus diogenes</i>
	Eastern Alkali Fairy Shrimp	<i>Branchinecta redingi</i>
	Ethologist Fairy Shrimp	<i>Eubranchipus serratus</i>
	Gambelii Crayfish	<i>Pacifastacus gambelii</i>
	Giant Fairy Shrimp	<i>Branchinecta gigas</i>
	Greater Plains Fairy Shrimp	<i>Streptocephalus texanus</i>
	Knobbedlip Fairy Shrimp	<i>Eubranchipus bundyi</i>
	Lemon Tadpole Shrimp	<i>Lepidurus lemmoni</i>
	Longtail Tadpole Shrimp	<i>Triops longicaudatus</i>
	Neglectus Crayfish	<i>Orconectes neglectus</i>
	New Mexico Fairy Shrimp	<i>Streptocephalus dorothae</i>
	Pocked Pouch Fairy Shrimp	<i>Branchinecta campestris</i>
	Rock Pool Fairy Shrimp	<i>Branchinecta packardi</i>
	San Francisco Brine Shrimp	<i>Artemia franciscana</i>
	Versitle Fairy Shrimp	<i>Branchinecta lindahli</i>
Mollusks (68)	A Land Snail (Hells Canyon)	<i>Oreohelix strigosa</i> ssp. 1
	Abbreviate Pondsnaail	<i>Stagnicola apicina</i>
	Ash Gyro	<i>Gyraulus parvus</i>
	Ashy Pebblesnaail	<i>Stagnicola traski</i>
	Ashy Physa	<i>Physella integra</i>
	Bear Lake Springsnaail	<i>Pyrgulopsis pilsbryana</i>
	Berry's Mountain Snail	<i>Oreohelix strigosa berryi</i>
	California Floater	<i>Anodonta californiensis</i>
	Callused Vertigo Snail	<i>Vertigo arthuri</i>
	Cave Physa	<i>Physella spelunca</i>
	Cloaked Physa	<i>Physa megalochlamys</i>
	Cooper's Rocky Mountain Snail	<i>Oreohelix strigosa cooperi</i>
	Creeping Ancyloid	<i>Ferrissia rivularis</i>
	Cylindrical Papershell	<i>Anodontoides ferussacianus</i>
	Disc Gyro	<i>Gyraulus circumstriatus</i>
	Dusky Fossaria	<i>Fossaria dalli</i>
	Fatmucket	<i>Lampsilis siliquoidea</i>
	Fat-whorled Pondsnaail	<i>Stagnicola bonnevillensis</i>
	Fragile Ancyloid	<i>Ferrissia fragilis</i>
	Giant Floater	<i>Pyganodon grandis</i>
	Glass Physa	<i>Physa skinneri</i>
	Glossy Valvata	<i>Valvata humeralis</i>
	Golden Fossaria	<i>Fossaria obrussa</i>
	Great Basin Rams-horn	<i>Helisoma newberryi</i>
	Green River Pebblesnaail	<i>Fluminicola coloradoensis</i>
	Indecisive Vallonia	<i>Vallonia albula</i>
	Jackson Lake Springsnaail	<i>Pyrgulopsis robusta</i>
	Keeled Mountain Snail	<i>Oreohelix carinifera</i>
	Lance Aplexa	<i>Aplexa elongata</i>
	Marsh Pondsnaail	<i>S. elodes</i>
	Marsh Rams-horn	<i>Planorbella trivolvis</i>

Meadow Rams-horn	<i>Planorbula campestris</i>
Mineral Creek Mountain Snail	<i>Oreohelix pilsbryi</i>
Morgan Creek Mountain Snail	<i>Oreohelix swopei</i>
Mossy Valvata	<i>V. sincera</i>
Mountain Marshsnail	<i>Stagnicola montanensis</i>
Mud Amnicola	<i>Amnicola limosus</i>
Niobrara Ambersnail	<i>Oxyloma haydeni</i>
Olive Physa	<i>Physella cooperi</i>
Pewter Physa	<i>Physella heterostropha</i>
Plain Pocketbook	<i>Lampsis cardium</i>
Protean Physa	<i>Physella virgata</i>
Pumpkin Physa	<i>Physella ancillaria</i>
Pygmy Fossaria	<i>Fossaria parva</i>
Pygmy Mountain Snail	<i>Oreohelix pygmaea</i>
Ribbed Dagger	<i>Pupoides hordaceus</i>
Rock Fossaria	<i>Fossaria modicella</i>
Rocky Mountain Dusksnail	<i>Colligyrus greggi</i>
Rocky Mountain Physa	<i>Physella propinqua</i>
Rocky Mountain Snail	<i>Oreohelix strigosa</i>
Rotund Physa	<i>Physella columbiana</i>
Rough Rams-horn	<i>Planorbella subcrenata</i>
Rustic Pondsnaail	<i>Stagnicola hinkleyi</i>
Sharp Sprite	<i>Promenetus exacuus</i>
Sierra Ambersnail	<i>Catinella stretchiana</i>
Slope Ambersnail	<i>Catinella wandae</i>
Star Gyro	<i>Gyraulus crista</i>
Striate Disc	<i>Discus shimekii</i>
Tadpole Physa	<i>Physella gyrina</i>
Two-ridge Rams-horn	<i>Helisoma anceps</i>
Umbilicate Sprite	<i>Promenetus umbilicatellus</i>
Utah Physa	<i>Physella utahensis</i>
Vertigo Paradoxa (A Terrestrial Snail)	<i>Vertigo paradoxa</i>
Western Pearlshell	<i>Margaritifera falcata</i>
White Heel Spliter	<i>Lasmigona complanata</i>
Widelip Pondsnaail	<i>S. traski</i>
Woodland Pondsnaail	<i>S. catascopium</i>
Wrinkled Marshsnail	<i>S. caperata</i>

Appendix F



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for considering the Forest Legacy Program for the conservation of your forested lands. Projects that make it through Wyoming State Forestry Division's evaluation and ranking process will be forwarded to the United States Forest Service and entered into a regional, then national evaluation process. Each year only one or two projects from Wyoming are likely to be funded and become a reality.

Patience is the most important virtue that applicants can possess as their application goes through this administrative process. It is not unusual for a project to take 18 months from the time of being ranked on the state level to the scheduled closing. The more work that is completed ahead of time, the quicker a closing can be expected.

There are many aspects to being selected and ranked high enough to be funded. First off, the property must be within one of the four Wyoming Forest Legacy Areas. One aspect, and probably the most important, is the quality of the forest resources of the tract. The evaluation process investigates the quality of the fish & wildlife habitat, and whether or not conservation of the parcel contributes to water quality. Each of these values is a reflection of the parcel and there is little if anything that a landowner can do to improve the attractiveness of the project based on these criteria.

Other factors are within the property owner's control, such as sale price of the interests acquired. In every case, the landowner is informed of the fair market value of the interests that are being bought/sold. The value is determined by federal appraisal standards. Projects that are available below the established fair market value are given special consideration.

Also considered in the evaluation of a proposed project is the amount of support for the protection of the parcel, as evidenced by written letters from governmental agencies, individuals, or non-profit organizations. Examples would be local, state, or regional land trusts, the county commission and planning department, etc., and state or local representatives and/or congressman. The level of support is also considered. Has the supporter agreed to commit funds for the project, or to have the appraisal, survey, or management plan paid for? Each of these criteria is considered and up to the applicant to provide.

Another aspect given careful consideration is the potential of conversion of the land to non-forest

uses. It is up to the property owner, through the answers provided to the questions in the application to establish the threat for the potential conversion.

Most applicants will not be aware of all the organizations, agencies, plans, and strategies that may be applicable to conserving their parcel. That is why it is important to talk to the Forest Legacy Program Coordinator at Wyoming State Forestry to get help with the application. The Forest Legacy Committee will not only evaluate and prioritize potential projects, but also use their expertise and diverse knowledge to add to the quality of the project should it be selected for funding consideration.

So, what makes a good application? Without a doubt it's the amount and quality of the information that you provide about your land, how it fits into local, state, and/or regional land protection strategies, what is the threat of its conversion, who supports its protection, and what is that level of support. Most of this information requires the applicant to do a lot of legwork, talking to local conservation groups, and town officials, and really thinking about the answers posed in the application. Take your time, be thorough, and include as much supporting evidence as you can get your hands on.

**Application
State of Wyoming
State Forest Stewardship Coordinating
Committee
FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM**

Please submit the following information and any additional supporting documentation in support of your application:

1. Name, address (mailing and physical) and phone numbers of applicant landowner.
2. All other owners of record for this tract, and their addresses.
3. Name, address and phone number of authorized agent representing landowner(s) if applicable.
4. Location of the property.
5. Legal description of the property.
6. A copy of the Wyoming State Forestry Division Forest Stewardship Plan for the property.
7. A List or written description of the significant scenic, natural, recreational, wildlife, timber and other resource values contained on the property.
8. Identification of any dumps, mines, oil wells, or other potentially hazardous features of the property.
9. Signed statement giving the Wyoming State Forestry Division and the US Forest Service permission to enter the property for review and appraisal purposes.
10. List any encumbrances or mortgages existing on the property including, but not limited to contracts, leases, or outstanding rights not of record.
11. Copy of plat or survey map of the property. If only a portion of the property is being offered, identify it on a map showing the portion offered in the context of the entire tract.
12. Tract acreage and total number of acres of forests and cleared/open land.
13. List of existing permanent improvements on the tract, including houses, barns, lakes, ponds, dams, wells, roads, and other structures, and total acres occupied by improvements.
14. Please state willingness of the landowner to donate a portion of the value of the property (to conduct a bargain sale).
15. List supporting organizations and government entities and supply letters of support, if available.

Please send application and all supporting documentation to:

Wyoming State Forestry Division
Attention: Forest Legacy Program Coordinator
Office of State Lands & Investments
1100 W. 22nd
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Appendix G

Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Need

Public Input Comment Form

The Forest Legacy Program is a voluntary program funded by the US Forest Service, working through state agencies and with local landowners, initiated to protect environmentally important forests that are threatened with conversion to non-forest uses. The program protects properties within areas designated by the state as important Forest Legacy Areas through conservation easements or fee acquisition with willing landowners. In order for Wyoming to become a participant in the Forest Legacy Program, the Wyoming State Forestry Division must conduct an Assessment of Need. The Assessment of Need will evaluate existing forest resources and condition, identify threats to WY forests, and designate Forest Legacy Areas. The Assessment of Need will be reviewed by the US Forest Service, and once accepted Wyoming will be enrolled in the Forest Legacy Program.

The Conservation Fund is now conducting Public Meetings to present the Draft Assessment of Need and to introduce areas selected as Forest Legacy Areas and to present criteria for project selection. The answers you provide below will be used to help finalize the Draft Assessment of Need for final submittal to the US Forest Service.

You may complete this form and return it at the end of the meeting. Or, you may fax your response to 1-307-733-2365 attention Luke Lynch. You may also make your comments electronically by sending an email to wyoingforest@conservationfund.org.

Name:(Optional) _____	Contact Address (Optional) _____ _____ _____
Date: ____/____/2007	
Zip Code: _____	

Questions and Comments:

- 1) Do you feel that Wyoming should become a participant in the Forest Legacy Program? Please check yes or no, and explain briefly.

_____ Yes Why?

_____ No Why?

2. Do you feel that the research (both the breadth and treatment of topics) incorporated in the Draft Assessment of Need was adequate?

_____ Yes

_____ NO. If no please indicate what information you feel is incorrect or lacking from this Draft.

3) Do you feel that the goals outlined for the Forest Legacy Program are adequate?

_____ Yes

_____ No. Please indicate which goals you disagree with, or which goals you feel should be included.

4) Do you feel that the criteria used to select Forest Legacy Areas were adequate?

_____ Yes

_____ No. Please indicate which criteria you disagree with, or which criteria you feel should be included.

5) Do you agree with the areas outlined as Forest Legacy Areas?

_____ Yes

_____ No. Please indicate what areas you would include or delete, or how you would change selected FLA boundaries.

6) Do you agree with the Project Selection Criteria?

_____ Yes

_____ NO. Please indicate which criteria you do not agree with, or which criteria you think should be included.

Appendix H

Public Meetings and Summary of Public Comments

The following public input comment form summarizes public comment responses that used the public comment form provided at the following public meetings:

- Casper, Wyoming: Wednesday, April 25, 2007
- Jackson, Wyoming: Thursday, May 3, 2007
- Cheyenne, Wyoming: Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Invitations to attend these meetings, and a request for comment were sent to the following organizations and government entities:

Farm Service Agency
Green River Valley Land Trust
Jackson Hole Land Trust
Pheasants Forever
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Sheridan Land Trust
The Nature Conservancy
Trout Unlimited
United States Forest Service
University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service
University of Wyoming Ruckelshaus Institute
US Fish & Wildlife Service
US Representative Barbara Cubin
US Senator Craig Thomas
US Senator Mike Enzi
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts
Wyoming Association of Municipalities
Wyoming Department of Agriculture
Wyoming Game & Fish Department
Wyoming Outdoor Council
Wyoming Sawmills, Inc.
Wyoming State Forestry Division
Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust
Wyoming Stock Growers Association
Wyoming Wool Growers Association

Overall, attendance at the public meetings was low, with every attendee expressing support for establishing the Forest Legacy Program in Wyoming. The following summarizes responses to the public comment forms:

Summary of Public Comments

Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Need

Public Input Comment Form

The Forest Legacy Program is a voluntary program funded by the US Forest Service, working through state agencies and with local landowners, initiated to protect environmentally important forests that are threatened with conversion to non-forest uses. The program protects properties within areas designated by the state as important Forest Legacy Areas through conservation easements or fee acquisition with willing landowners. In order for Wyoming to become a participant in the Forest Legacy Program, the Wyoming State Forestry Division must conduct an Assessment of Need. The Assessment of Need will evaluate existing forest resources and condition, identify threats to WY forests, and designate Forest Legacy Areas. The Assessment of Need will be reviewed by the US Forest Service, and once accepted Wyoming will be enrolled in the Forest Legacy Program.

The Conservation Fund is now conducting Public Meetings to present the Draft Assessment of Need and to introduce areas selected as Forest Legacy Areas and to present criteria for project selection. The answers you provide below will be used to help finalize the Draft Assessment of Need for final submittal to the US Forest Service.

You may complete this form and return it at the end of the meeting. Or, you may fax your response to 1-307-733-2365 attention Luke Lynch. You may also make your comments electronically by sending an email to wyoingforest@conservationfund.org.

Name:(Optional) _____	Contact Address (Optional) _____ _____ _____
Date: ____/____/2007	
Zip Code: _____	

Questions and Comments:

- 2) Do you feel that Wyoming should become a participant in the Forest Legacy Program? Please check yes or no, and explain briefly.

 5 Yes Why?

“Large tracts of private forest land need to remain intact.”

“Another tool to preserve undeveloped land. Let’s get it going.”

 0 No Why?

3. Do you feel that the research (both the breadth and treatment of topics) incorporated in the Draft Assessment of Need was adequate?

5 Yes

0 NO. If no please indicate what information you feel is incorrect or lacking from this Draft.

3) Do you feel that the goals outlined for the Forest Legacy Program are adequate?

5 Yes

0 No. Please indicate which goals you disagree with, or which goals you feel should be included.

4) Do you feel that the criteria used to select Forest Legacy Areas were adequate?

5 Yes

0 No. Please indicate which criteria you disagree with, or which criteria you feel should be included.

6) Do you agree with the areas outlined as Forest Legacy Areas?

4 Yes

1 No. Please indicate what areas you would include or delete, or how you would change selected FLA boundaries.

“Yes, with the changes to the boundaries made as discussed at this meeting”

“The Bighorn Mountain Area should extend further south into northwest Natrona County. Also make sure the Shirley Mountains and Ferris Mountains in Carbon County and Green Mountain in Fremont County”

7) Do you agree with the Project Selection Criteria?

4 Yes

1 NO. Please indicate which criteria you do not agree with, or which criteria you think should be included.

“I think a minimum acreage should be determined and defined in the final draft.”

Forest Legacy Program



Public Informational Meetings

Thursday, May 3, 2007

6:15 p.m.

First Interstate Bank

840 W. Broadway

Jackson, WY



James Arnold of the Wyoming State Forestry Division and Luke M. Lynch of The Conservation Fund will present information about the Forest Legacy Program.

The Forest Legacy Program conserves private forest lands that are threatened with conversion to non-forest uses. The Program assures traditional uses of private forest lands and public values are protected for future generations. Participation by any landowner is entirely voluntary. All landowners of private forest lands within a designated Legacy Area are eligible to apply for enrollment.

The purpose of the public meetings is to inform interested parties about the Program and to share information through the initial planning process called the Assessment of Need (AON). Comments on the draft AON will be solicited at the meetings.

Please join The State Forestry Division and The Conservation Fund in this informational meeting.

Questions:

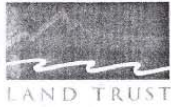
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Mr. Bill Crapser
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Wyoming State Forestry Division
1100 W. 22nd Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Mr. Crapser,

The Jackson Hole Land Trust (JHLT) attended the public meeting in Jackson, Wyoming, presented by The Conservation Fund regarding the proposed Forest Legacy Plan for Wyoming. The purpose of this letter is to state that the goals and objectives of the Forest Legacy Program match the mission of the JHLT.

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Currently, the JHLT holds a few conservation easements on protected properties with harvestable forests. We have successfully worked with the owners of those properties and the State Forester to develop Stewardship Plans and implement timber management actions that match the terms of the conservation easements and retain the environmental, aesthetic, and cultural values that our easements seek to maintain.

The Forest Legacy Program, on a statewide basis will be a boon to our state that is so economically dependent upon basic natural resources. Incentives that encourage further conservation of working forests have been lacking in the past.

The JHLT does have one comment regarding a correction in the draft FLP: Page 39 in the last paragraph entitled "Jackson Hole Land Trust": as of this date, the JHLT has protected 15,944 acres. More importantly, the second half of the paragraph discusses the work of the Green River Valley Land Trust, which requires a heading entitled with their name.

The JHLT wants to thank The Conservation Fund and the Wyoming State Forestry Department for spearheading this initiative to qualify Wyoming's forest lands for private land protection incentives. Please continue to inform the JHLT regarding the status of this endeavor and do not hesitate to contact the JHLT if you have any questions or opportunities to collaborate with private land owners.

Sincerely yours,

Laurie Andrews
Executive Director

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Appendix I

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CHEYENNE, WY 82002

Office of the Governor

November 14, 2005

Dale Bosworth, Chief
U.S. Forest Service
14th and Independence SW
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Dear Chief Bosworth:

I hereby designate the Wyoming State Forestry Division as the lead agency for the USDA's Forest Legacy program in Wyoming as authorized under Section 1217 of Title XII of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990. Please forward information and other materials concerning the Forest Legacy Program to:

William Crapser, State Forester
Wyoming State Forestry Division
1100 West 22nd Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

The Wyoming State Forestry Division is the appropriate agency to lead Wyoming's Forest Legacy program as it is charged with providing forest management and protection assistance to private, state, and other government landowners.

We look forward to working with the Forest Service in implementing Forest Legacy in Wyoming.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Freudenthal".

Dave Freudenthal
Governor

cc: William Crapser, State Forester

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