

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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October 10, 2016

Honorable Commissioners Roger Christensen, Dave Radford and Lee Staker  
Bonneville, Idaho Board of County Commissioners  
605 N. Capital Ave.  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Re: Wyoming Public Lands Initiative

## Commissioners

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Honorable Commissioners Christensen, Radford and Staker:

Teton County, Wyoming has officially opted into the Wyoming Public Lands Initiative (WPLI). Currently 7 out of 23 Wyoming counties are participating. The process is designed to craft legislation on final designations for wilderness study areas that exist within participating counties. I've attached the WPLI guidelines as presented by the Wyoming County Commissioner Association (WCCA). The Palisades Wilderness Study Area continues across our common state line, becoming "Palisades Recommended Wilderness" in Idaho.

For that reason, we are reaching out to ensure you are aware of our process and progress. We would also like to hear from you on how you would like to engage with our process to ensure that our final product includes input from your county.

Over the course of 2016 we've gone through an unofficial initial scoping process and an official situation assessment, attached. On October 5th and 6th we held interviews and discussed applications. We hope that we will have an advisory committee in place and ready to meet within the next week.

Once the Advisory Committee meets, we'll know better from our end what the timeline will be and how the Teton County advisory committee and Ruckleshaus Institute facilitator would like to integrate Bonneville County into discussions about the Palisades WSA. We will keep you apprised of our progress.

I'll be the Teton County Commission's official liaison for our county's WPLI. Please contact me, cc'ing our chair, Commissioner Allen (Barbara Allen [ballen@tetonwyo.org](mailto:ballen@tetonwyo.org)), and our Clerk, Sherry Daigle (Sherry Daigle [sdaigle@tetonwyo.org](mailto:sdaigle@tetonwyo.org)) with your written correspondence. And please feel free to call me if you want to discuss the process in more detail: Mark Newcomb, [mnewcomb@tetonwyo.org](mailto:mnewcomb@tetonwyo.org), 307.413.9690.

We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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