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Dear Layne,

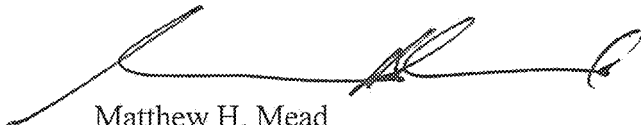
Thank you for your work within the Environmental Protection Agency. It has been a pleasure to work with you. I understand you are under consideration for Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment. This is an important position and I am confident you would be an asset in the role.

The position of Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment has responsibility over the United States Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service - both are extremely important to Wyoming. We have 9.2 million acres of National Forest and over 30 million acres of private agricultural land. The opportunities are great. Your background in state and local government, agriculture, outdoor recreation, as well as working with the conservation community, commercial and private interests would be assets in realizing the potential of the position.

As you know, multiple uses and conservation are both possible and beneficial with the right management. I hope you will be an advocate for wild places and multiple land use - achieving a balance which benefits all.

I wish you the best.

Sincerely,



Matthew H. Mead
Governor

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