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The Honorable Michael B. Enzi,
John Barrasso, and Barbara Cubin
United States Senate and
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Enzi, Senator Barrasso, and Congresswoman Cubin:

Thank you for your letter of November 29 about the possible relocation of the Bridger-Teton Forest Supervisor's Office and other facilities that are currently located in Jackson, Wyoming. Please allow me to explicitly address the two concerns expressed in your letter.

First, in regard to our plans to hold "public meetings," I assure you that in addition to the "stakeholder meetings" that have been held with county and town officials, local organizations, and agency representatives we will hold public meetings in each of the communities that could be affected by this decision. We are anxious to provide equal access to the process and hear from all those that have an interest in the possible relocation. We will share with your offices a schedule of those public meetings as soon as it is available.

Second, in regard to reports that we have sent a "conveyance proposal" to our Washington Office before completing the public outreach, I assure you that this is merely a process required by the Forest Service Realignment and Enhancement Act of 2005. It is necessary if we are to convey certain of our holdings in Jackson to enable the construction of new facilities in Jackson or elsewhere. It should not be interpreted as a decision to relocate the Supervisor's Office and other facilities. That decision will not be made until we have had an opportunity to hear from the affected publics and evaluate other social and economic information.

Thank you again for your interest as we strive to meet the needs of our employees so they can continue *Caring for the Land and Serving People*.

Sincerely,

HARV FORSGREN
Regional Forester

