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US Fish and Wildlife	Tyler A. Abbott Field Supervisor Wyoming Field Office	June 10, 2019	<p>Authors of EA should use the IPaC to obtain a current list of endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species and their designated and proposed critical habitat that occur or may be impacted by the proposed project. The Service recommends that each listed species be analyzed for the full extent of the proposed development, as well as the direct and indirect effects of all aspects of the project and the cumulative impacts of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of who is responsible for those actions. Also requested information on the current status of the following species within the proposed project area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grizzly bear (<i>Ursus Arctos horribilis</i>) Threatened • Yellow-billed Cuckoo (<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>) Threatened <p>Wants notification of any decision made on this project (i.e. issuance of a permit or signing of a Record of Decision)</p>
Wyoming DEQ	Colin McKee Senior Policy Advisor	June 12, 2019	<p>WDEQ has not identified any specific issues of concern that need to be addressed in the development of the EA.</p>
Wyoming DEQ – Air Quality Division	Adam Deppe Air Quality Division	June 13, 2019	<p>There are three areas of concern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Fugitive emissions (dust) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations (WAQSR) Chapter 3, Section 2(f)(i) and (ii) require the control of fugitive dust emissions by entities engaged in construction activities or handling/transporting materials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water trucks are required for disturbed roadways and dirt areas. ○ Cleared land that will remain untouched needs to be scarified ○ Silt or plastic fencing installed as a windbreak near residential areas and local businesses. 2) Disposal of trade wastes (burning) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAQSR Chapter 10, Section 2 prohibits disposal of trade wastes by open burning.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All waste materials generated by the project shall be disposed of by an alternative means. <p>3) Hazardous air pollutants (asbestos)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM) might be disturbed, notification within 10 working days is required. ● High concern tying into existing pipe infrastructure sewer/water lines. ● WAQSR Chapter 3, Section 8 requires asbestos-containing pipelines be identified, handled and disposed of in a specific manner. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More information is available: http://deg.wyoming.gov/agd/asbestos/resources/forms
Bureau of Reclamation	Michael Hilliard Resource Manager	June 7, 2019	No ownership or interest in the area and no official comments. "Looks like a beneficial project from our end."
Teton County School District	Jeff Daugherty Assistant Superintendent	June 17, 2019	<p>Concerns about possible increased traffic along High School Road (HSR).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TCSD stakeholders would like to see design elements that encourages ADT (Average Daily Traffic) to load on South Park Loop Road (SPLR). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ District is working to reduce the HSR's ADT. ○ HSR at time is rated LOS D or LOS F. ● Counterproductive for TCSD to create reduce ADT only to have the connector increase ADT. ● <i>District Admin views the connector as vital to our emergency operations (roadway ingress/egress redundancy).</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ propane plant fire that demonstrated the inability of EMS and parents to reach the schools effectively during that event ● TCSD thinks the connector better supports bussing efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ particularly in instances when HWY 22 is closed or at an LOS F



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two instances last year where school busses and students sat stuck in traffic for several hours due to HWY 22 traffic being at a prolonged standstill. • Primary focus of discussions is timeline and when construction might start. • Overall process has been good. TCSD feels reaching a productive conclusion is likely and the County has been doing a great job with information flow.
Jackson Police Department	Todd Smith Chief of Police	June 3, 2019	<p>Positive Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced traffic congestions (peak summer months, peak rush hours) at Hwy 22 & Hwy 89. • Plausible alternate route for emergency vehicles to access Wilson, West Bank, Teton Pass, and Teton Village. • Possible reduction in traffic congestion/enhanced safety at connector & HWY 89 could: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce accidents ○ Enhanced quality of life for residents ○ Positive impact on school district buses stopping on Hwy 22 ○ Potential positive impact where Teton County Search and Rescue (SAR) facility driveway intersects Hwy 22. • Plausible alternate route for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South Park and Alpine commuters to access employment sites west of Jackson and reverse access coincidentally. ○ times when construction projects create congestion on Broadway/Hwy 89. <p>Negative Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased traffic could diminish quality of life for Indian Trails and residential area residents. • Increased traffic noise for immediate residents.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased traffic on South Park Loop Road -- redevelop road to accommodate increased traffic loads -- costs with redevelopment. • Some traffic may disperse toward school zones -- safety concerns. • Plausible increase in traffic collisions at intersections on ends of connector roads -- increased traffic loads. • Connector road outside of city limit (jurisdiction of Teton County Sheriff rather than JPD). Staffing issues of TCS may delay response.
Wyoming Office of State and Land Investments (OSLI)	Jenifer E. Scoggin Director	June 18, 2019	<p>No concerns as trust parcels (split mineral without surface ownership) are not located adjacent the project site.</p> <p>However, if exploration and development of the mineral estate is pursued then anything developed on the surface, such as this project, will become servient to the mineral estate and would be required to accommodate mineral exploration and development in the area including as much of the surface required to fully develop trust land minerals.</p> <p>OSLI advises the project proponent to comply with the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Land Commissioners in accordance with W.S. §36-2-107 and W.S. §36-9-118, if development occurs on, or it is necessary to travers, state lands.</p>
Teton Conservation District (TCD)	Carlin Girard Water Resources Specialist	June 18, 2019	<p>Did not conduct a site visit but is familiar with the area:</p> <p>Hydrology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends development be constructed in a manner that avoids natural hydrologic features: • Cody and Spring Creek (both cutthroat trout spawning streams) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cody Creek especially susceptible to impairment (small size and originating in the project area). • Potential hydrologic connectivity to the 4W, LLC (1360 N Walton Rand Road) <p>Affected Irrigation</p>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant amount of irrigation facilities in and adjacent to project area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TCD recommends clear communication with facility users and work to minimize impacts on these facilities. • Limiting connectivity to natural water bodies from dewatering discharges should be prioritized during planning. <p>Mitigation of Affected Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affected are includes land under conservation easement(s) with Jackson Hole Land Trust (JHLT), impacts generally cause easement amendments. <p>Wildlife</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitive natural areas (critical habitat and migration routes) are in the project area of interest. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ North Hwy 22 is important for mule deer winter range and movement. ○ South of Hwy 22, east-west elk movement occurs regularly • Teton County adopted the Teton County Wildlife Master Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identifies high priority roads for mitigation measures for wildlife and aquatic species ○ Plan is based on existing road configurations, project could impact mitigation methods. • Trumpeter swan (WG&F species of greatest conservation need) habitat resides in project area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ development should account for trumpeter swan habitat enhancement constructed in the project area.
U.S. EPA	Matt Hubner NEPA Branch US EPA, Region 8, 8ORA-N	June 18, 2019	Recommends EA delineate wetlands to facilitate route alternatives development and potential impacts.