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Dear Ms. Foster,

I write to you today regarding the recent notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Jackalope Wind Energy Project in Rawlins. This NOI was published in the Federal Register on March 18, 2024, and initiated the scoping process for the EIS. As you know, it is the responsibility of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to conduct scoping through public meetings, conference calls, formal hearings, workshops, and opportunities to submit written comments. I respectfully request that you extend the scoping period for at least another 30 days, and that you hold another public meeting with a representative from NextEra Energy, as well as from the Rock Springs Field Office (RSFO).

I heard from several constituents who attended the RSFO informational meeting in Rawlins on April 2nd that there was minimal information provided to the public, with no presentation or organized format for individuals to learn about the project. Several other complaints I received included the lack of information readily available on the reliability and efficiency of windmills, the overall cost and economic impact of this project, and the question of who will have to deal with the turbines that are damaged and in need of replacing.

As you know, these public meetings are very important for residents to better understand the impact of corporate and federal actions taking place on public and private lands in their communities. Due to the aforementioned complaints I received from constituents about the public meeting held on April 2nd, I respectfully request that the RSFO extend the scoping period for another 30 days to allow ample time for citizens in Rawlins to participate in the public process and to get their questions answered. Furthermore, I request that the RSFO schedule an additional public meeting with a representative from NextEra Energy, and from the RSFO, who can help answer questions.

Sincerely,

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