

# HARRIET HAGEMAN

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Hello Laura,

I had a wonderful time traveling across Wyoming last week, where I was meeting with constituents, touring businesses, and visiting local attractions to learn about their contributions to our communities.

I have always loved being in Wyoming in the fall, but this year seems especially beautiful, with the yellow, orange, and red foliage and magnificent trees being quite a sight to see. Driving through a snowstorm to reach Gillette on Tuesday evening only reminded me of the conditions that so many of our ranchers, miners, truck drivers, oilfield workers, bus drivers, mail deliverers, mechanics, welders, etc., deal with as they go about their days. Thank you for what you do.

My work in Washington, D.C. has also continued, having engaged on the legislative and legal front in a couple of different ways. I introduced legislation to try to limit the ever-expanding federal footprint in terms of land ownership with my "no net gain" bill. I also led an amicus brief to protect Americans' Fourth Amendment rights and cosponsored a resolution condemning President Biden's characterization of all Trump supporters as "garbage." Finally, I have an important update to share with you on one of my priorities to protect our livestock industry—fighting the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) electronic identification (EID) eartag rule.

Keep reading to learn more about these endeavors and more!

## Continuing the Fight Against Federal Intrusion on Public Lands

On Friday, I introduced [H.R.10089](#), the No Net Gain in Federal Lands Act of 2024. This bill dovetails with the amicus brief I co-signed last week in favor of Utah's petition to the United States Supreme Court to challenge the federal government's ownership of 18.5 million acres of unappropriated Bureau of Land Management land in the state.

My legislation would direct the Secretaries of the Department of the Interior (DOI) and USDA to quantify and provide an inventory of the amount of federal land each agency owns. Using this inventory, the agencies must then submit a report to Congress containing nationwide and state by state information on federal land ownership. My bill would then require the respective agencies to dispose of a certain amount of acreage—equivalent to the net gain in federal ownership in any given state in a given year—and return it directly to the state. My bill would not require the DOI and USDA to divest of currently-owned federal lands; it would simply prohibit expansion of the federal footprint, stating that, to the extent either agency acquires additional real property, it must divest of the same amount of acreage within the state.

My view is that the federal government owns enough real property, with the western United States bearing the brunt of this paradigm. With the federal government currently owning approximately 650 million acres of public lands across the U.S., including 48% of Wyoming's surface estate and 65% of its mineral estate, it is imperative that our remaining lands and interests do not become federalized.

The demand for economic development, food and energy production, manufacturing, commercial activities, housing, healthcare facilities, schools, urban areas, etc., is only increasing. Innovation and being able to operate at the speed of commerce will determine whether we remain the world leader or sink into the quagmire of the regulatory morass that is part and parcel of the federal bureaucracy—including within our federal land management agencies. This bill would also prevent the federal government from competing with the private sector in terms of land development. We often lament the fact that it is so difficult for young farmers and ranchers to enter the market as it is cost-prohibitive for them to purchase land at reasonable prices. By constraining the DOI and USDA from using their unlimited resources to distort the real estate market, we can perhaps help these younger producers to get a foothold.

Another purpose of this "no net gain" bill is to block the United Nations' (UN) scheme of controlling vast quantities of our water and land through the Biden-Harris administration's "30x30" plan. The purpose of the 30x30 plan is to "preserve" 30% of our water and surface estate by 2030 (and 50% by 2050). According to Biden and Harris, only about 300 million acres are "preserved" today, so they are seeking another 400 million acres to meet the UN's goals.

In reality, the 30x30 plan is simply another way to impose more federal regulations on land use, decrease and outright block access to public and private lands, and ensure that Washington, D.C. controls our destiny, autonomy, and economic well-being. My legislation would prevent the federal government from pursuing the radical 30x30 plan of taking more and more control from the states and private property owners. It would also begin to correct the unfair and unequal relationship between western states and eastern states in terms of the federal footprint.

## Working to Protect Our Fourth Amendment Rights

On Thursday, I was joined by three U.S. Senators and three House colleagues in filing an [amicus brief](#) in the case of *Martin v. United States*, a Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) challenge against the U.S. government due to a wrongful raid conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In 2017, as part of an anti-gang operation, FBI agents executed a warrant for a specific gang member, raiding the wrong home of Curtirina Martin. Martin, her child, and her boyfriend were awoken when agents detonated a flash grenade and ripped the door off its hinges. Her boyfriend was handcuffed, and Martin was held at gunpoint. After the FBI noticed it was at the wrong address, the agents ended the raid without explanation.

Congress enacted the FTCA in 1946 to allow U.S. citizens to sue the federal government for torts—harm that result in legal liability—committed by those acting on behalf of the government. Congress expanded this accountability measure in the 1970s to address federal law enforcement actions in response to a series of wrongful drug raids on innocent people.

Ms. Martin filed for redress against the U.S. under the FTCA, alleging violation of Fourth Amendment rights. The Eleventh Circuit dismissed her claims on a faulty application of the Constitution's Supremacy Clause and granted immunity to the FBI where none exists. If allowed to stand, this decision would effectively gut the FTCA and the accountability it provides for not just Curtirina Martin, but all Americans, and would deal a serious blow to the separation of powers that underpins our Constitutional republic.

## EID Eartag Update and Resources

I am continuing to fight to block the USDA's mandatory EID eartags rule in Congress. The New Civil Liberties Alliance also recently filed a [lawsuit](#) to block the rule from being enacted. Our cattle and bison producers in Wyoming, however, should be aware that the rule goes into effect **this week, Tuesday, November 5th**. Since the regulatory state is once again trying to outpace oversight from Congress and the American people, I am sharing the following information as provided by the USDA and other sources that should help with understanding the mandate and whether it applies to you. To start, here a few important notes:

- The rule is not retroactive—visual eartags and other forms of identification recognized as official identification under the 2013 Animal Disease Traceability rule (which is currently in effect) applied to animals prior to November 5, 2024, will be recognized as official identification for the life of the animal.
- The rule applies to cattle and bison (sexually intact and 18 months of age or older); all female dairy cattle of any age; male dairy cattle born after March 11, 2013; cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo and recreational events; and cattle and bison of any age used for shows and exhibits.
  - Other animals to which the rule applies include sheep and goats, swine, horses and other equids, captive cervids (e.g., deer and elk), and poultry.
- Cattle going directly to slaughter (including feeder and cull cattle) and commuter herds are *not* covered by this regulation.
- Tattoos and brands are still an approved means of official identification if accepted by state veterinary officials in the sending and receiving states.

Additional information:

- The [final rule](#) and [FAQ guidance](#) issued by USDA
- Amended ADT rule information from the [Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation](#)
- Information from the [Wyoming Livestock Board](#)
- [Wyoming Stock Growers Association](#)
- [Virtual Meetings for Producers - "Understanding Animal Disease Traceability"](#)

Please know that I will continue to work on your behalf to block this unlawful rule. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of my offices.

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## Events and Announcements

### Now Accepting Spring 2025 Internship Applications!

| Washington, DC                                                                       | Cheyenne & Casper                                     |
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| Intake and log constituent concerns by mail and phone                                | Intake and log constituent concerns by mail and phone |
| Greet and assist visitors and meetings in the office                                 | Greet and assist visitors and meetings in the office  |
| Lead US Capitol Tours                                                                | Assist with federal casework for constituents in need |
| Draft constituent correspondence                                                     | Attend meetings and events with district staff        |
| Prepare research and briefing materials for meetings, hearings and markups           | Research state issues for staff and prepare reports   |
| Work directly with legislative, communications, and administrative staff on projects | Work directly with district staff on projects         |

I am now accepting applications for D.C. and district interns for Spring 2025! If you or someone you know is interested in learning first-hand how Congress works or is interested in a career in public service, I heartily encourage you to apply.

Applications must include a resume and a cover letter discussing why you would like to join my team and listing your desired office location (D.C., Casper, or Cheyenne). You can submit these documents via my website portal or email them directly to [Christiana.Nelson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Christiana.Nelson@mail.house.gov) by **Friday, November 15, at 5 PM MT**.

### Public Comment Alert!

The National Park Service (NPS) announced that it is seeking public comment on a proposal to significantly improve 27 miles of the Northeast Entrance Road between Tower Junction and Yellowstone National Park's Northeast Entrance. The road, damaged during the 2022 flood, is open to visitor vehicle traffic year-round and provides winter access to the communities of Cooke City/Silver Gate in Montana and to Lamar Valley, a main attraction in the park for world-class wildlife viewing opportunities. The project aims to improve visitor safety, use, and experience while enhancing the road's resilience to future floods and other natural disasters.

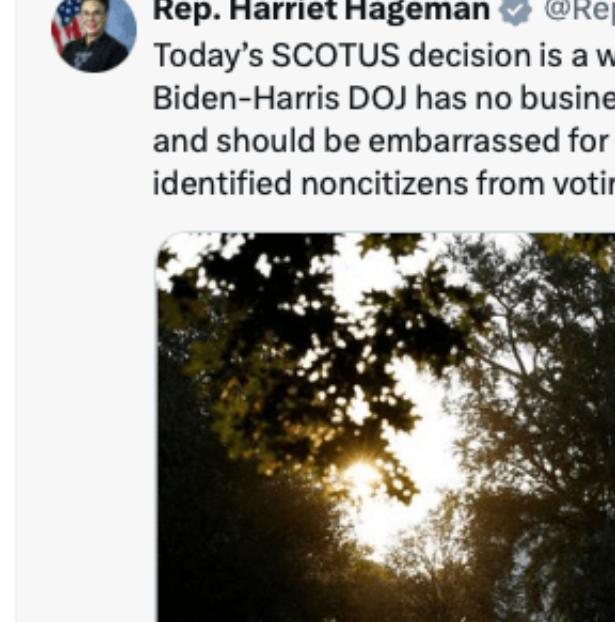
To submit a comment, [click here](#). To learn more about the project, read the NPS press release [here](#).

### SBA to Host Events Celebrating Veteran-Owned Businesses

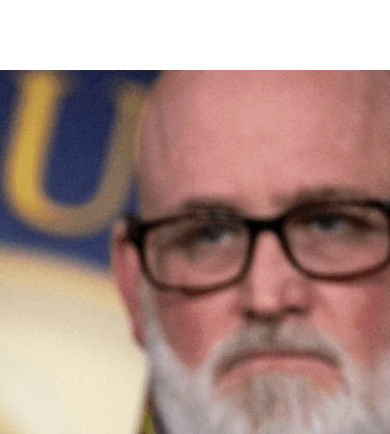
In honor of National Veterans Small Business Week, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will be hosting a series of events next week in Cheyenne and Sheridan to assist veteran business owners and entrepreneurs or veterans interested in starting a business.

To learn more about these events and to register, [click here](#).

## Recent Photos



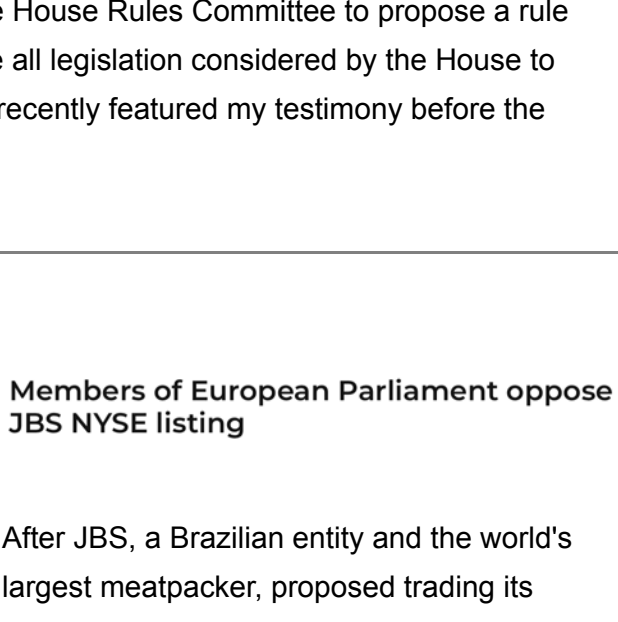
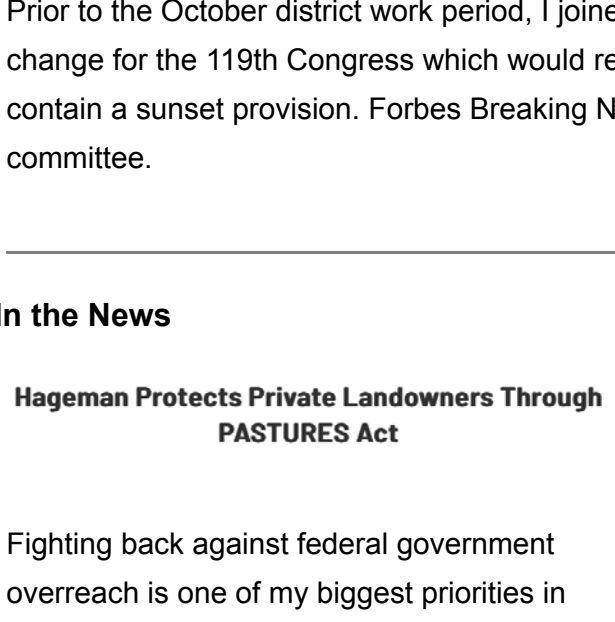
I appreciate the time the staff at Tungsten Parts Wyoming took to show me all that they are doing. The manufacturing industry is hard at work!



Thank you to the UW College of Agriculture for inviting me to join you on Wednesday!

I was pleased to attend the MHSA training at Gillette College and meet with some of the young men in its Diesel Technology program.

Thank you to Vic Wright with Basin Radio Network for the opportunity to speak to my constituents in northeast Wyoming!



The Rockpile Museum is doing a great job of preserving Campbell County and Wyoming's heritage. Thank you to the entire team and volunteers who make it all happen!



Sitting down with the director of Gillette's Powder River Surgery Center helped me to better understand the Medicare, Medicaid, and worker's compensation landscape in Wyoming.

I met with members of the leadership team at Campbell County Health and toured the surgery and maternity wings. We discussed the many issues facing rural healthcare.

I had the pleasure of speaking at the Wyoming Weed & Pest Council's 80th Annual Banquet. It was great to see so many friends and to hear the concerns of those in the room.



I was amazed by the work going on at Western Welding Academy in Gillette. Trade schools like this provide a wonderful model of education that produces a phenomenal workforce full of leaders.



I enjoyed my time visiting with the Wyoming Liberty Group's Mike Garofalo about a litany of issues important to Wyoming. You can watch the video [here](#).

I had the opportunity to read one of my favorite books, "Courage the Cowgirl Way," to students at Wyoming Connections Academy. Thank you to this wonderful group of young people for welcoming me into your world for a moment.

It was my honor to join a group of Vietnam veterans in Casper who meet regularly. Thank you for your service, and thank you for allowing me to join you.



I had a fantastic tour of Casper Aviation on Thursday. We spoke not only about aviation but about the oppressive impact of agency rules as well. I am always inspired by the work Wyoming's innovators do.

## Recent Votes

The House was out of session this week. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

## Cosponsored Legislation

- A [resolution](#) which would condemn President Biden's remarks referring to the tens of millions of Americans who support President Trump as "garbage."

## Official Letters

- On Friday, I sent a [letter](#) to National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Monica Bertagnolli requesting information on the agency's use of taxpayer dollars to advance a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) agenda. This letter follows a bill I introduced earlier this year, the [AWARD Act](#), which would require NIH to use merit rather than DEI-related factors when distributing federal awards.

## Tweet of the Week



## Video of the Week



Prior to the October district work period, I joined the House Rules Committee to propose a rule change for the 119th Congress which would require all legislation considered by the House to contain a sunset provision. Forbes Breaking News recently featured my testimony before the committee.

## In the News

**Hageman Protects Private Landowners Through PASTURES Act**

**Members of European Parliament oppose JBS NYSE listing**

Fighting back against federal government overreach is one of my biggest priorities in Congress. That's why I introduced [H.R.10042](#), the PASTURES Act, which would safeguard

After JBS, a Brazilian entity and the world's largest meatpacker, proposed trading its shares on the New York Stock Exchange, I wrote a [letter](#) to Securities and Exchange



landowners with property adjacent to federally leased land from federal enforcement actions related to livestock trespassing.

To learn more about the bill, click the article above or read my office's [press release](#).

### Does Utah’s Petition To Get Control Of Federal Lands Stand A Chance? Hageman Hopes So

Last week, I joined the Utah congressional delegation in filing an amicus brief advocating that the U.S. Supreme Court hear the complaint in *Utah v U.S.*, the case challenging the federal government’s ownership of 18.5 million acres of unappropriated land in Utah.

As I have stated numerous times, those individuals and agencies that are closest to the land and natural resources at hand know how to better manage them than the bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., and I will continue to stand with Utah in this case.

Commission (SEC) Chair Gensler requesting that the agency decline to move forward until all outstanding legal claims and investigations alleging fraudulent conduct are resolved and the SEC can be certain JBS' disclosures are accurate.

Now, Members of the European Parliament have followed suit. Click the article above to learn more.

### Rep. Hageman's team joins House Election Observer Program

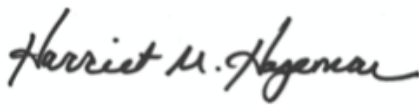
I am proud to announce that members of my team will participate in the House of Representatives Election Observer Program. This program will deploy congressional observers to election sites across the country to record on-the-ground, factual information for use during elections contests or seating battles and for other purposes.

To learn more, click the article above or read my office's [press release](#).

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I cannot do my job without your support and input. Thank you for the calls, letters, emails, and questions you have sent to our offices. Please continue to reach out via the contact information below, and stay up to date on all the latest activities and legislation by subscribing and sharing this newsletter and our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#) accounts with your friends and family!

Sincerely,



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