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Hello Laura,

I was so grateful to see the predicted moisture come to fruition in northern Wyoming last week, a development that has already provided much aid and relief to the firefighters working to contain the Elk Fire and the Pack Trail Fire, both of which have now surpassed more than 50% containment. I continue to thank all who have courageously worked to fight these fires, as well as the countless others that have ravaged our state this fire season. I am hopeful that more rain and snow will help put an end to the worst wildfire season I have witnessed in my lifetime.

Although I have been traveling Wyoming and meeting with constituents right here at home, I have continued to push forward on the legislative front in Washington, D.C. Just in the last week, I introduced legislation to protect ranchers from federal overreach, signed an amicus brief challenging federal land ownership in Utah, and spearheaded a letter fighting back against the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) latest infringement on private property rights. Keep reading below to learn more about my efforts on these important issues.

## My Bill Would Protect Ranchers With Properties Near Federal Land

Throughout our western states, and most specifically in the last 25 years, ranchers who rely on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands to meet the grazing needs of their herds have seen a consistent decrease in lands available, as well as a shortening of the season during which they can exercise their permits and allotments. The reduction of new permits, as well as the reduction of Animal Unit Months (AUMs) on leased land, is directly tied to the radical Left's "climate change" policies that are designed to deny access, management, and use to large swaths of land and substantially curtail our ability to use such lands for raising of livestock. These efforts have been the most pronounced under the Biden-Harris regime, as they have gone to war not only with our energy industries, but our food producers as well.

These efforts to consistently ratchet down our ability to graze these lands have had devastating consequences to our livestock producers and local communities, while also increasing the risk and damage caused by our out-of-control forest and prairie fires. To make matters worse, these federal agencies generally take the position that our ranchers who have had their grazing allocations reduced in the past few years are the ones responsible for "fencing out" the federal lands, thereby forcing such producers to either spend tens of thousands of dollars on fencing or face the prospect of being charged with trespass should their livestock stray onto non-grazable lands.

To combat this issue, I introduced [H.R.10042](#), the Protecting Agricultural Spaces Through Effective Ranching Strategies (PASTURES) Act on Friday. This legislation would prohibit federal land management agencies from enforcing a trespass action until the agency constructs a fence that adequately divides the private land from the adjacent federal properties. This would prevent unintended financial and operational hardships for ranchers who rely on grazing allocations in areas on or near federal lands. By prohibiting trespass enforcement until the fencing is erected, the PASTURES Act would provide ranchers with the security and stability needed to continue their operations after significant federal decisions are made regarding the surrounding land.

## Fighting Back Against Federal Land Ownership

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.

The federal government's ownership of roughly 650 million acres of public lands across the country has an outsized impact on the United States—particularly on the West. This federal burden in the West infringes on our sovereignty and undermines our equality with other (mostly eastern) states in direct violation of the Constitution. This massive federal ownership of land has historically inflicted bad management policies designed to lock up lands from productive use. Although the amicus brief that we filed relates only to Utah (and only then to certain BLM lands within Utah's borders), the argument we are making could have far-reaching benefits for all western states, including Wyoming, where 48% of all surface lands are owned by the federal government.

As I have said numerous times, states know how to better handle and manage our natural resources, including the real property within our borders, than the bureaucrats that populate Washington, D.C. thousands of miles away. It is past time the federal government returns land ownership and oversight to Utah, and I hope that the Supreme Court decides to accept the subject petition so that this issue can be fully addressed and resolved.

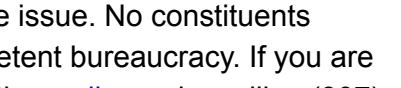
## Sounding the Alarm on USDA's Latest Sustainability "Solution"

On Monday, I, along with Wyoming's Senators John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis, Utah's Senator Mike Lee, and Nebraska's Senator Pete Ricketts, sent a [letter](#) to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Chief Terry Cosby requesting clarification on the applicability of the "Sponsoring USDA Sustainability Targets in Agriculture to Incentivize Natural Solutions" (SUSTAINS) Act in FY25 conservation funding.

The SUSTAINS Act was passed in the FY23 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pelosi's last omnibus spending bill) and expanded the USDA's authority to accept nonfederal contributions to support existing conservation programs while giving the donating entity enhanced control over the use of its contribution. Because the bill pertains to the so-called "environmental service benefits" derived from the land, we are concerned that this is nothing more than an attempt to extend the United Nations' "natural capital accounting" concept, a primary tool of the 30x30 agenda, to private property.

This latest effort builds on a [letter](#) I sent to Chief Cosby last month urging NRCS to prioritize the rights of the private landowners and protecting private property rights when implementing the SUSTAINS Act. I have also authored an [op-ed](#) on the dangers of the Act and how it is actually unsustainable for our Western way of life. As the lone representative for Wyoming, I will continue to stay at the forefront of this fight. With the help of landowners and other members of Congress, we successfully blocked NACs; now we must do the same of the SUSTAINS Act.

See What I'm Doing in D.C.! Add Me on Social Media:



## Events and Announcements

### **SBA Announces Disaster Loans for Businesses Impacted by Wildfires**

The Small Business Administration (SBA) recently announced that it is now offering low-interest federal disaster loans to small nonfarm businesses in 18 Wyoming counties. These loans offset economic losses due to reduced revenues caused by the wildfires that began on June 11.

To learn if you are eligible and to apply, read the SBA's press release [here](#).

### **USDA is Hosting Town Halls for Livestock Producers Affected by Wildfires**

The USDA announced that it is offering disaster assistance public meetings regarding the services and assistance the NRCS can provide to help livestock producers recover from this year's wildfires. I encourage you to attend the meeting in your county listed below:

**October 29, Johnson County Public Library, Buffalo, WY at 5 PM**

**October 30, Sheridan County Public Library, Sheridan, WY at 1 PM**

**October 31, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette, WY at 9:30 AM**

For more information, you may contact your local USDA Service Center [here](#).

### **Are You Facing an Issue With a Federal Agency? My Office Can Help!**

"After a year of getting nowhere with SSA/Medicare about Part A overpayments, I contacted Rep. Hageman's office. The process was very easy through a short form on her website. I received an immediate reply from the congresswoman's office. They kept me updated throughout the process. When SSA/Medicare promised an update by a certain date, the congresswoman's staff reached out to them for the status. My issue was partially resolved after a couple of months, and I received my refund for overpayments after 6 months. I am convinced I would STILL be waiting without the help of Rep. Hageman's office. I would encourage everyone who has a problem with a federal agency to contact her office. It's so nice to have a contact person on your side who is easy to reach. THANK YOU, Rep. Hageman!"

My office helped Ms. MaryAnn Phillips with a Social Security/Medicare issue. No constituents should put up with getting "the runaround" due to a failed and incompetent bureaucracy. If you are facing an issue with a federal agency, please reach out to my team either [online](#) or by calling (307) 670-5477.

### **Last Call to Apply for a Service Academy!**

The deadline to apply for a congressional Service Academy nomination is quickly approaching! The honor of attending a service academy comes with the obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation.

Members of Congress may nominate candidates for appointment to four of the five U.S. service academies: U.S. Military Academy (USMA), West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFSA), Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), Kings Point, NY. The fifth service academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), New London, CT, does not require a congressional nomination for appointment.

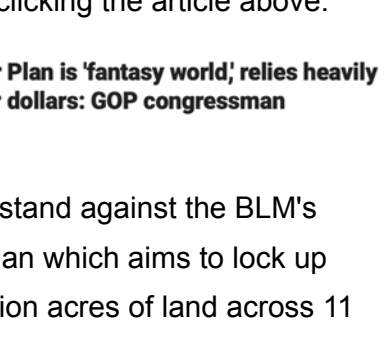
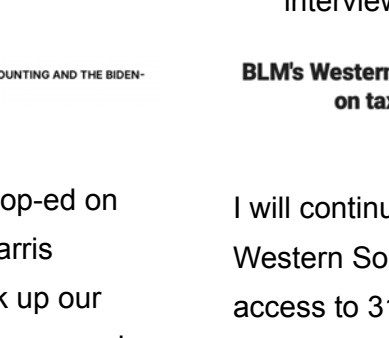
My office may nominate up to ten individuals for each vacant academy slot allotted to our district. To request a Military Academy Nomination from our office, please complete the form at this [link](#) no later than **Thursday, October 31**. If you have questions, please contact Kael Tepper at [kael.tepper@mail.house.gov](mailto:kael.tepper@mail.house.gov) or (307) 829-3299.

## Recent Photos



Members of my staff attended the dedication of the U.S. Customs General Aviation Facility at the Casper/Natrona County International Airport in honor of Officer Dale Leatham.

Officer Leatham's exemplary career with U.S. Customs and Border Protection is an inspiration to all who serve, and it is fitting that his legacy will be preserved through this significant tribute. I am deeply grateful for his contributions to our nation's safety and security.



Above are some of the pictures I received from constituents following the predicted rainfall in northeast Wyoming. God is good.

## Recent Votes

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

## Cosponsored Legislation

- [H.R.10029](#), the National Human Trafficking Database Act, which would establish a national human trafficking database at the Department of Justice and incentivize state law enforcement agencies to report data.

## Cosigned Letters

- On Thursday, I joined Rep. August Pfluger and 43 other House Republican colleagues in sending a [letter](#) to Department of Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm regarding reports that the agency conducted—then buried—a review of the economic and environmental impacts of liquefied natural gas (LNG) because its findings were favorable to U.S. LNG. If true, this is a clear attempt by the Biden-Harris administration to mislead the American public in an election year.

## Tweet of the Week

**Rep. Harriet Hageman** @RepHageman · Oct 22

We've done a lot of important work in the House of Representatives during the 118th Congress, but none more important than safeguarding our Constitutional right to free speech. Thank you to @theMRC for this wonderful award. I will continue to fight for First Amendment rights.

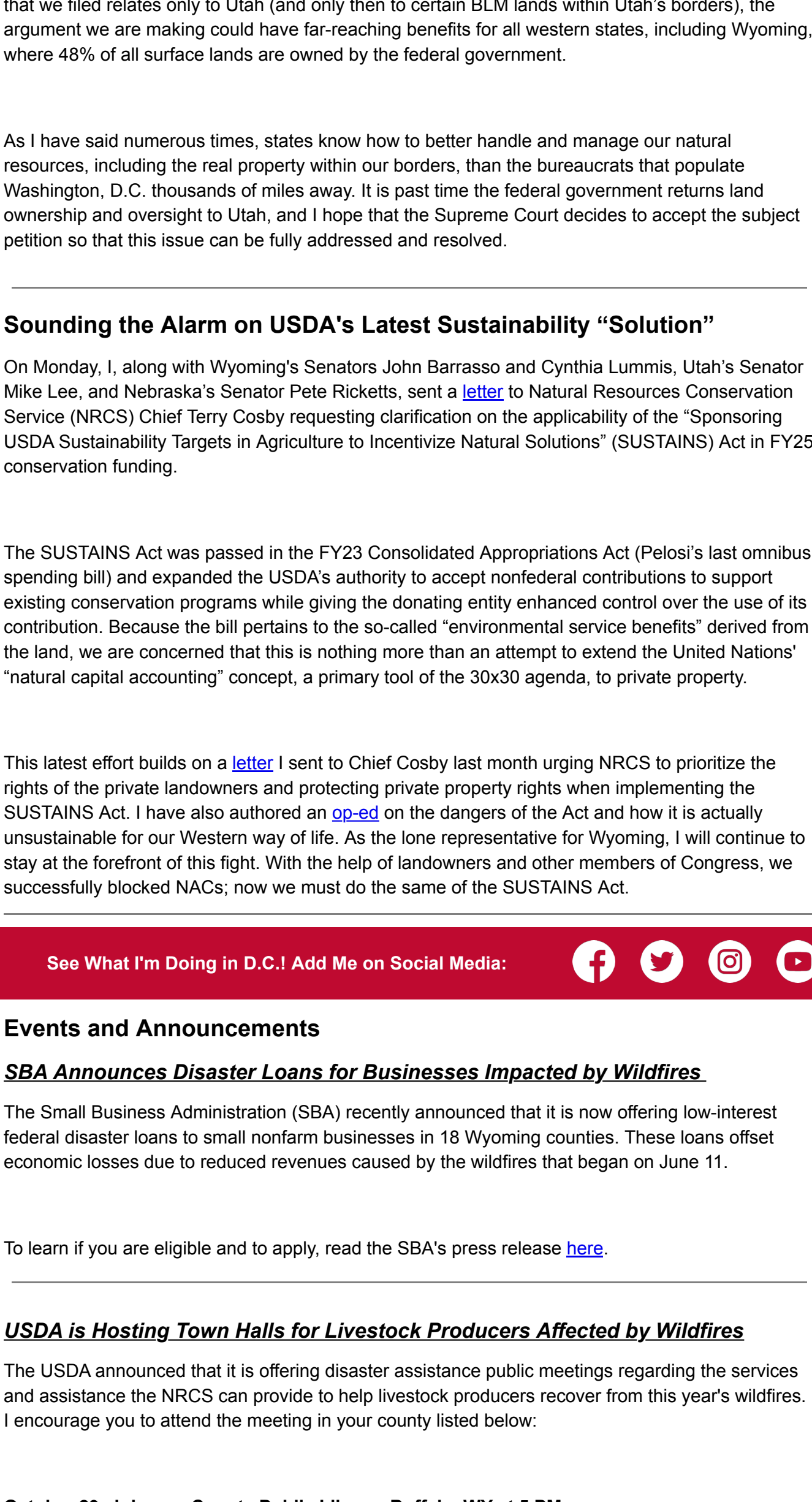


**Media Research Center** @theMRC · Oct 22

Replying to @theMRC

@RepHageman for leading the investigation into the Department of Homeland Security's censorship regime.

## Video of the Week



Forbes Breaking News featured my questioning regarding the impact of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) on rural healthcare in a House Judiciary Committee hearing before the October district work period.

## In the News

Wyoming congresswoman urges parents to oppose language conditioning for transgender ideology

We must bring back common sense and refrain from using language shoved down our throats by the woke Left. Boys and girls are fundamentally different, and anyone who refuses to accept that fact should return to middle school and take a basic biology course.

SVI Radio Interview: U.S. Congresswoman Harriet Hageman

I enjoyed catching up with Duke Dance and all his listeners in western Wyoming. We discussed the latest wildfires ravaging our state, FEMA's response to the hurricanes in the East, the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan, and the upcoming presidential election. Listen to the interview by clicking the article above.

OPINION: PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK – NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING AND THE BIDEN-HARRIS CLIMATE AGENDA

BLM's Western Solar Plan is 'fantasy world,' relies heavily on taxpayer dollars: GOP congressman

Click the above article to read my op-ed on another way in which the Biden-Harris administration is attempting to lock up our lands—its 30x30 plan. The right to own and manage real property is fundamental to our constitutional republic and our freedoms, and we must fight to protect this right.

I will continue to stand against the BLM's Western Solar Plan which aims to lock up access to 31 million acres of land across 11 Western states for solar energy development. This plan will upend existing activities that drive America's energy independence and weaken America's energy grid through unreliable energy sources.

## I Want to Hear From You!

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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Member of Congress

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