
The Wyoming Round-Up — June 28, 2026



Hello Zoie,

America's 250th birthday is just around the corner, and Washington was full of excitement this week as we approach this historic anniversary.

Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom



My office celebrated America's 250th birthday early after I delivered a nearly hour-long speech on the House floor to commemorate this milestone.



I spoke for 40 minutes on what America is and what it isn't, with the hope of inspiring all our neighbors to be proud of our national heritage again.



I also shared my own story, growing up on a Wyoming ranch, learning to drive at four to help feed cattle, and eventually practicing law for 34 years before coming to Congress. My story is only possible in America, and it is the story of millions just like me.



From Wyoming granting women the right to vote 50 years before the 19th Amendment, to the flag that has flown over every battle our heroes have fought, our history, and the heroes who made our 250 years possible, give us every reason to be proud.

Continuing Wyoming's Legacy of Conservation



Tune in to watch my full speech [here](#).

The Natural Resources Committee has now passed the Great American Outdoors Act 250, sending this historic legislation to be voted on by the full House.

Wyoming pioneered our nation's public land system. We are home to Yellowstone, the first national park, the first national forest at Shoshone, and the first national monument at Devils Tower. GAOA 2.0 builds on the original law's nearly \$2 billion in annual funding to address the maintenance backlog in our national parks, forests, and other public lands. That backlog is currently \$46 billion nationwide. I am proud to carry on Wyoming's proud legacy of conservation as a cosponsor of the Great American Outdoors Act 250.

Delivering PILT Funding for Wyoming's Counties

Wyoming counties encompass vast stretches of federal land, which means that there are no property taxes assessed on those areas. This affects their ability to maintain county roads and provide other much-needed services to our rural communities. Payments in Lieu of Taxes, or PILT, are federal payments to help our local governments offset those losses. PILT payments are critical to our state. That is why I led a bipartisan letter with Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-CO) to the Subcommittee on Interior and Environment House Committee on Appropriations, urging full funding for the PILT program this fiscal year.

That work paid off. The Department of the Interior announced \$733 million in PILT funding for 2026, supporting nearly 1,900 counties nationwide, with Wyoming receiving \$39.8 million. These dollars fund search and rescue, education, road construction, and law enforcement in communities that host our public lands without being able to tax them. This is a huge win for Wyoming counties that depend on this funding to keep their budgets stable.

Mapping What's Beneath Wyoming's Soil



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Fighting for Wyoming's Air Service



The Judiciary Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust held a hearing on competition in the airline industry, and I made sure Wyoming's voice was heard. Our 39 public-use airports contribute \$3.5 billion to our economy each year, and our 9 commercial airports support over 20,000 jobs. More than 875,000 passengers flew out of Wyoming airports in 2025, yet we have the second-highest average airfare in the country, 53 percent above the national average.

Most Wyoming communities rely on a single carrier for commercial air service. That is not real competition. Witnesses agreed rural connectivity matters and that programs like Essential Air Service are critical to keeping isolated communities connected. I will keep advocating for Wyoming families and businesses to receive the reliable, affordable air service they deserve.

Honoring Taylee Paige Dresser and Gregory Trosper Jr.

Wyoming is mourning the loss of Taylee Paige Dresser and Gregory Trosper, Jr., who were killed on June 17 by an alleged drunk driver in Fremont County. Both were beloved members of the Northern Arapaho Tribe, and Governor Gordon has ordered flags lowered to half-staff in their honor. My prayers are with their families and communities during this devastating loss.

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



Events and Announcements

Weigh in on Wild Horse and Burro Management

The Bureau of Land Management is accepting public comments on an environmental review of wild horse and burro management tools through July 2, 2026. The review examines humane,

science-based options to address overpopulation. The BLM estimates current herd sizes are more than three times what Western public lands can sustainably support.

Comments can be submitted at the [BLM National NEPA Register](#) under the "Participate Now" option. For more information on the program, click [here](#).

Protecting Your Mail

Mail theft is a real threat, and the United States Postal Inspection Service wants Wyoming residents to know how to protect themselves. Pick up your mail promptly, never send cash through the mail, and notify your Post Office when you will be out of town. If you are expecting a check or other valuable item and it does not arrive, contact the issuing agency right away. You can also sign up for Informed Delivery at [USPS.com](#) to receive daily email notifications of incoming mail and packages. If you suspect your mail has been stolen, call police immediately and then contact Postal Inspectors at 1-877-876-2455 or visit [uspis.gov](#)

Sign Up to Participate in the Congressional App Challenge!

The 2026 Congressional App Challenge is now accepting applications! Middle and high school students across Wyoming are encouraged to participate in this nationwide competition that helps students learn coding skills and explore opportunities within the STEM and computer science fields.

The Congressional App Challenge is the official computer science competition of the House of Representatives. Since its inception in 2013, it has grown to become the most prestigious prize in computer science. Over 50,000 students have participated in the challenge across 374 Congressional Districts in 50 states and 5 U.S. territories.

Visit my [website](#) for more information and reach out to Lisa.Scaling@mail.house.gov with any questions you have!

Recent Photos



I got an early look inside the Lincoln Memorial's undercroft, a space hidden beneath the marble for over 100 years. Visitors can now see the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment on display, just in time for America's 250th anniversary. Reserve your free tickets here:

<https://recreation.gov/ticket/facility/10113318>



I joined Senator Lummis and the Senate Western Caucus for their Visions of the West event to celebrate 250 years of western heritage art.



The Salvation Army shows up for Wyoming families when it matters most. It was a pleasure to meet with them to discuss ways Congress can support the incredible work they do across our state.

I talked with the Wyoming Music Educators Association about federal funding, teacher recruitment struggles, and expanding access to quality music education for every student.

Recent Votes

See below for highlights of this week's votes; for more information on each bill, click the bill number. For my full voting record, [click here](#).

Voted YES on [H.R. 915](#), Small Business Technological Advancement Act

Voted YES on [H.R. 6644](#), Housing for the 21st Century Act

Tweet of the Week



Rep. Harriet Hageman  
@RepHageman



The world comes to America not because of the tired mantra that “diversity is our strength,” but because of our shared culture and history.

There is no “German Dream” or “French Dream.” There is no “Guatemalan Dream” or “Haitian Dream.” And it was never the “Somalian Dream.” It is the American Dream: the idea that anyone can realize success regardless of their circumstances, where race, sex, ethnicity, and background pose no barrier to harnessing someone’s full potential.

In the News



I introduced two bills to make federal agencies prove their case with real facts and science in front of an independent judge, not just their own paperwork.



Wyoming pioneered the creation of our public lands system, and I am proud to continue the tradition of caring for our most sacred landscapes by cosponsoring the Great American Outdoors Act 250.

Need Help With a Federal Agency?

One of the ways my office serves Wyomingites is by helping constituents navigate federal agencies.

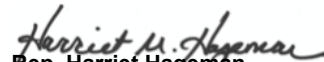
If you are facing issues with a federal agency, whether it is the VA, Social Security, the IRS, or another department, my office may be able to help. We can assist with paperwork, follow up on stalled cases, and make sure your concerns are heard and resolved as quickly as possible.

You can fill out a casework form on my [website](#) or call us directly at (307) 261-6595.

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