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Hello Laura,

Last week, I had the joy of being back home in Wyoming for Thanksgiving and to celebrate my mother's 102nd birthday.

As we move into December, I am excited to share updates from my office, highlight some of the great work we accomplished in November, and show how we are continuing to serve you.

The Commercial Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act

I am proud to co-lead the Commercial Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act alongside Congressman Dave Taylor and Congressman Greg Steube. This critical piece of legislation puts public safety and common sense back at the center of our national transportation policy. This bill ensures that anyone operating a commercial vehicle on American roads can read road signs, understand warnings, and communicate with law enforcement and first responders.

Current law allows states to administer the CDL knowledge test in any language they choose. While the road skills test must be conducted in English, the written examination—the portion that determines whether a driver can understand signage, safety alerts, and instructions—can be taken in multiple languages. California and Washington take full advantage of this loophole to license drivers who lack the English language proficiency needed to read warning signs, understand instructions from law enforcement, or respond to hazardous conditions. These states have been putting ideology ahead of safety, and innocent people pay the price when unqualified drivers take the wheel of an 80,000-pound vehicle.

Our bill closes that loophole and requires every part of the CDL testing process to be conducted in English. It establishes a clear federal standard that drivers must read and understand traffic signs, communicate with officers and emergency personnel, and receive and follow directions in English. By restoring these basic requirements, we strengthen public safety and prevent states from lowering standards for political convenience.

Fighting for our Servicemembers

I sent a letter to the Department of War to request long-overdue answers regarding the misuse of Article 15s and other non-judicial punishments during the COVID-19 era. Under the Biden administration, thousands of brave men and women in uniform were subjected not only to an unlawful vaccine mandate, but also to a series of arbitrary and unscientific "preventative" measures that had real consequences for their careers, livelihoods, and families.

Article 15s, while intended to address minor infractions without resorting to the court-martial process, can still inflict lasting harm. They can delay or derail promotions, jeopardize security clearances, and limit access to special assignments. Because these punishments rely so heavily on the discretion of individual commanders, the system is vulnerable to inconsistency and, at times, abuse.

During COVID-19, reporting revealed that soldiers at Fort Knox and Fort Benning were punished for infractions as minor as not wearing a mask or traveling off-post. These decisions were made under policies we now know were not rooted in science. Dr. Fauci himself admitted in closed-door testimony that the "six-foot rule" that disrupted schools, businesses, and daily life "sort of just appeared." The evidence behind mask mandates was equally inconclusive. Yet despite this uncertainty, servicemembers faced significant disciplinary actions that could follow them throughout their careers.

Thanks to President Trump and Secretary Hegseth, we have begun the process of restoring justice by reinstating servicemembers who were wrongfully discharged under the Biden vaccine mandate, returning them with back pay, benefits, and bonuses.

In my inquiry, I asked the Department of War to detail how many Article 15s were issued during the pandemic, what kinds of COVID-related violations triggered these punishments, and whether the Department is actively reviewing these cases as part of its reinstatement process. Our servicemembers deserve clarity, fairness, and accountability from the government they serve.

Working For You

One of the ways my office serves Wyomingites is by helping constituents navigate federal agencies. I am proud to share that November was an exceptional month for our casework team.

In November alone, my office resolved 91 individual cases, returning \$3.4 million in funds, benefits, reimbursements, and corrections to hardworking Wyomingites just like you. This is a testament to the dedication of our staff and our commitment to making sure your concerns are addressed promptly and effectively.

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.

Protecting Grazing Rights on Our National Grasslands

I joined Senators Barrasso and Lummis in introducing legislation to give our ranchers on National Grasslands the certainty and fairness they deserve. Our bill amends the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) to clearly recognize that grazing on National Grasslands is an authorized and protected use, just as it is on Bureau of Land Management and National Forest lands. Ranchers who steward these landscapes should not face a different, or weaker, set of rules simply because their allotments lie on National Grasslands.

Right now, the U.S. Forest Service issues 10-year permits for grazing on National Grasslands under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937, but the agency has no obligation to renew them. Too often, they don't. That uncertainty puts our producers in an impossible position. They invest in range improvements, manage forage responsibly, and support the local economy, yet they lack the same renewal protections that FLPMA provides to ranchers on other federal lands. Our bill fixes that inequity.

By codifying what the Forest Service already acknowledges, that grazing is allowed on National Grasslands, we bring consistency to federal grazing policy and protect the families who depend on it. This legislation ensures that our ranchers receive the stability they need to plan for the future, care for the land, and continue feeding our communities.

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Events and Announcements

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Federal Register Comment Period

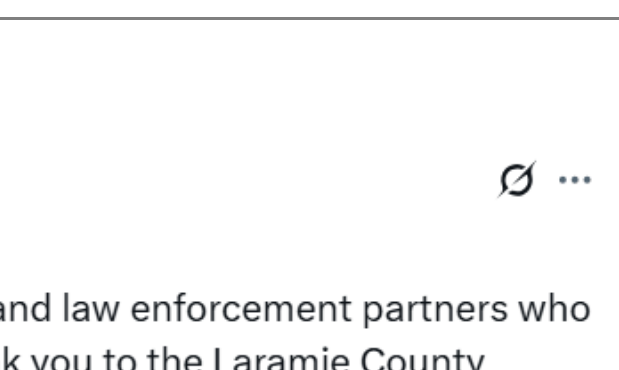
Administration Revises Endangered Species Act Regulations

The Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced four proposed rules to restore Endangered Species Act regulations to their 2019 and 2020 framework.

The comment periods end on December 22, 2025, for the following proposed rules:

- [Interagency cooperation \(50 CFR part 402\):](#)
 - The services jointly propose to return to the 2019 consultation framework by reinstating definitions of "effects of the action" and "environmental baseline," removing the 2024 "offset" provisions and restoring section 7 procedures consistent with the statutory text. These changes respond directly to the Supreme Court's decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, which overturned the *Chevron* deference standard and reaffirmed that agencies must adhere strictly to the law as written.
- [Listing and critical habitat \(50 CFR part 424\):](#)
 - The services jointly propose to restore the 2019 regulatory text governing listing, delisting and critical habitat determinations. The proposal ensures decisions are based on the best scientific and commercial data available while allowing transparent consideration of economic impacts. It reestablishes the longstanding two-step process for designating unoccupied habitat, restores clarity to the definition of "foreseeable future" and reinstates flexibility to determine when designating critical habitat is not prudent.
- [Threatened species protections \(50 CFR part 17; section 4\(d\)\):](#)
 - The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to eliminate the "blanket rule" option and require species-specific 4(d) rules tailored to each threatened species. This approach reflects the single best reading of the statute under *Loper Bright* and ensures that protections are necessary and advisable to conserve each species without imposing unnecessary restrictions on others. It also aligns service policy with the National Marine Fisheries Service's longstanding species-specific approach.
- [Critical habitat exclusions \(50 CFR part 17; section 4\(b\)\(2\)\):](#)
 - The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to reinstate its 2020 rule clarifying how economic, national security and other relevant impacts are weighed when determining whether to exclude areas from critical habitat. The revised framework provides transparency and predictability for landowners and project proponents while maintaining the service's authority to ensure that exclusions will not result in species extinction.

Recent Photos



I want to thank Karl Brauneis for sending his remarkable photographs that truly capture the beauty of our great state. I am thankful that he allows me to share his talented work with all of you as a reminder of how lucky we are to call Wyoming home.

Recent Votes

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

Tweet of the Week

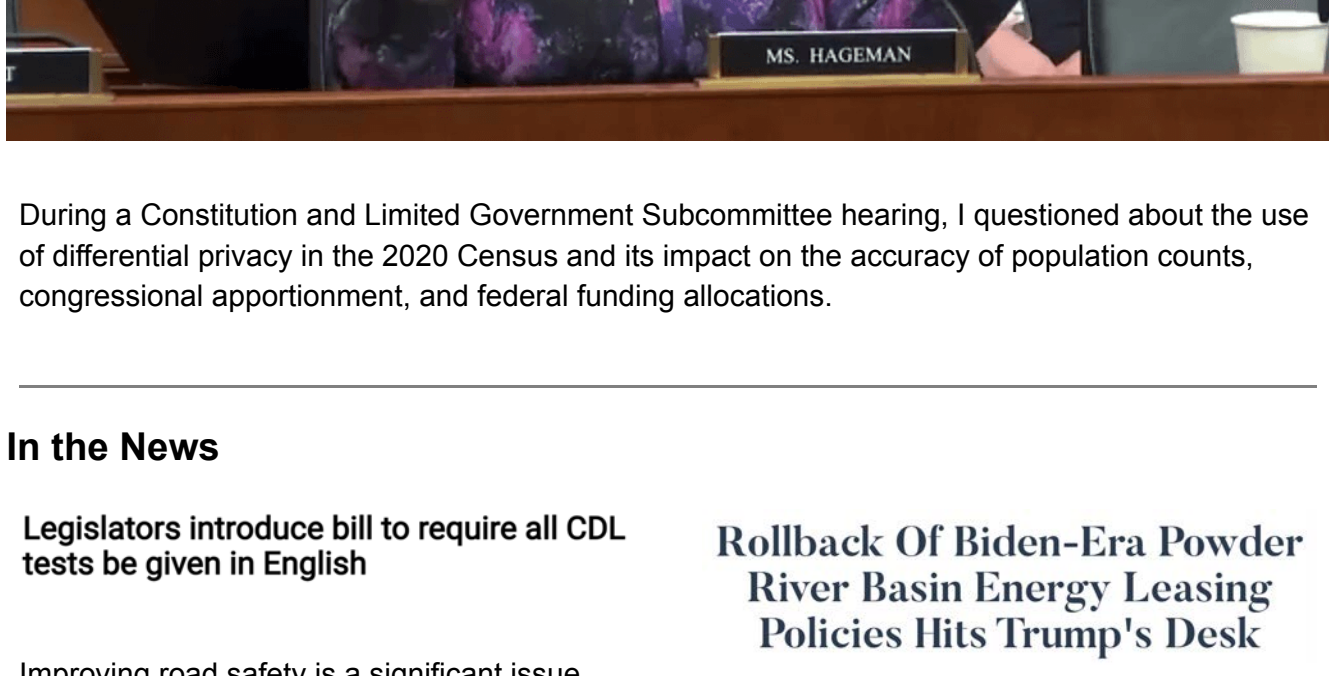
Rep. Harriet Hageman

@RepHageman



Wyoming families deserve safe roads and law enforcement partners who take that responsibility seriously. Thank you to the Laramie County Sheriff's Office, ICE, and WHP for their proactive work to enforce our laws and remove dangerous criminals from our roads.

Video of the Week



During a Constitution and Limited Government Subcommittee hearing, I questioned about the use of differential privacy in the 2020 Census and its impact on the accuracy of population counts, congressional apportionment, and federal funding allocations.

In the News

Legislators introduce bill to require all CDL tests be given in English

Improving road safety is a significant issue across Wyoming, where tragic accidents claim lives year after year. Our legislation is essential to protect the safety and security of every driver on our roads.

Rollback Of Biden-Era Powder River Basin Energy Leasing Policies Hits Trump's Desk

The Buffalo RMPA ended all future coal leasing in the Powder River Basin, locking away more than 48 billion tons of coal and threatening an industry that provides affordable, reliable energy to millions of Americans.

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Sincerely,

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