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Hello Laura,

I have been meeting with local leaders over the last several weeks, as well as spending time with small business owners and other constituents throughout Wyoming. I have also taken this opportunity, while our federal government is shut down, to engage with both students and educators to learn more about the challenges that they face.

As I have previously reported, the House of Representatives did its job by passing the Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the federal government funded at the exact same level that it was funded under President Joe Biden. By and large, the Democrats voted as a block against those efforts, and the Democrats in the Senate have now rejected the CR through 10 separate votes. I hope that they will come to their senses soon so that we can reopen the government and get back to work.

You can rest assured that, regardless of whether the federal government is "shut down," I will not stop working for you. My offices remain fully open, and my staff is ready to assist you with any federal issues you may be facing. Please also keep in mind that mandatory federal operations are continuing.

## Standing Up for Wyoming Gun Owners

Senate Democrats' refusal to pass the CR has implications beyond just the funding of government programs. Several critical constitutional rights are also at risk of infringement, especially for law-abiding gun owners. That is why I joined Congressman Ben Cline and dozens of my colleagues in demanding that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) take immediate action to protect Americans' Second Amendment rights.

Due to the shutdown, the ATF furloughed many of its non-law enforcement staff, including those individuals who are responsible for processing applications under the National Firearms Act (NFA). The ATF, for example, has suspended issuing approvals for commonly owned and other regulated items, such as short-barreled rifles and suppressors, while the furlough continues. While Democrats are demanding benefits for illegal aliens, law-abiding Americans are being denied their ability to exercise fundamental constitutional rights. This situation is not right.

The NFA and body of regulations stemming from it are unconstitutional impediments to our rights as guaranteed by the Second Amendment. To use the government shutdown to create even more problems by slowing the NFA application process is unacceptable. I am calling on the ATF to immediately reclassify NFA application examiners and related personnel as essential workers. Federal law gives the agency the authority to make that determination, and they should use it. The Constitution and your rights do not end when the government shuts down.

I will always defend the rights of Wyoming citizens to protect themselves, their families, and their property. The Second Amendment is not negotiable.

## Rooting Out Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

I remain committed to fighting wasteful government spending and protecting your hard-earned taxpayer dollars. One recent example underscores just how deep the problem runs in Washington, DC.

Earlier this year, a Department of State and USAID review that was triggered by a broader Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) audit exposed egregious misuse of funds to pursue a variety of ridiculous programs abroad. Examples of this misuse of your hard-earned taxes include \$25,000 for a "transgender opera" performance in Colombia, sponsored by the U.S. Embassy, and \$32,000 for a transgender-themed comic book project in Peru.

These projects were greenlit under previous administrations in the guise of "cultural diplomacy," but provided no measurable benefit to America or our foreign policy interests. These payments are graft, pure and simple, and most rational individuals would recognize that our money should never have been wasted in this manner. The White House has now classified these expenditures as "non-priority" and abusive. We have paused these grants, and similar spending has been frozen as part of a broader \$6.5 billion cut to the USAID budget.

I support this decisive action and will continue demanding full transparency and accountability from federal agencies. We must ensure every dollar sent overseas serves American interests, not radical ideological agendas.

## Delivering for Wyoming's Forests and Rural Communities in the OBBBA

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) delivers in terms of providing for better forest management and protecting our rural communities, including landmark provisions to expand timber production through long-term forest management contracts. This is an overdue measure that strengthens our natural resource industries, reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfires, and restores responsible stewardship of our public lands.

For too long, federal red tape and activist-driven lawsuits crippled timber operations across the West, including right here in Wyoming. Sawmills closed, forest health declined, wildfire threats grew more severe, and insect infestations destroyed entire forests. The OBBBA reverses course by requiring the Forest Service to increase timber sales on National Forest System lands each year through 2034, while also requiring the agency to enter into no fewer than 40 long-term contracts for sustainable timber harvesting. The Bureau of Land Management must do the same on those public lands that are under its authority.

This is a major step toward restoring balance and common sense to federal land management and a clear win for Wyoming.

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## Events and Announcements

### [Sign Up to Participate in the Congressional App Challenge!](#)

The 2025 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.

Winning apps will be announced in December 2025 and featured on the U.S. House of Representatives website and in the U.S. Capitol Building. Applications are due **October 30, 2025, at 10 AM MT**. To learn more about the rules, prizes, and more, you can [visit their website](#).

Adult volunteers are also needed! If you're a STEM teacher, computer science expert, or App Challenge alum, please consider becoming one of my volunteer judges. More information on being a judge can be [found here](#) on the CAC website. I'm also asking all teachers to encourage their students to participate in this year's competition. [Visit here for more information](#) on how you can inspire your students to explore the world of coding.

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

### [Federal Register Comment Period](#)

#### **Intent to Amend the RMP for the Rock Springs Field Office**

The BLM requests that the public submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant information and studies, and ACEC nominations by November 3, 2025. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Rock Springs RMP Amendment and nominations of new ACECs [here](#).

#### **Rescission of Conservation and Landscape Health Rule**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to rescind the Conservation and Landscape Health Rule, issued as a final rule on May 9, 2024. [Comments](#) must be received by November 10, 2025.

#### **Wyoming Coal Combustion Residuals Permit Program**

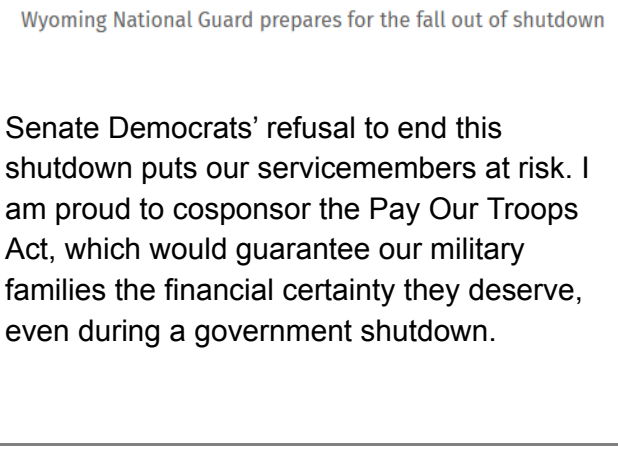
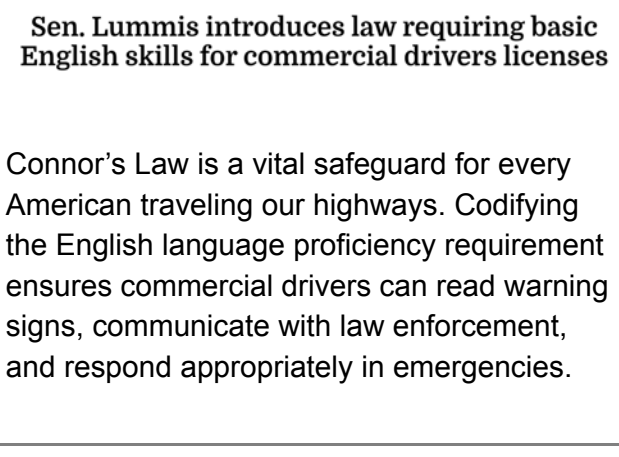
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve the Wyoming coal combustion residuals (CCR) permit program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

EPA is seeking [comment](#) on this proposal during a 60-day public comment period. Comments must be received on or before November 3, 2025.

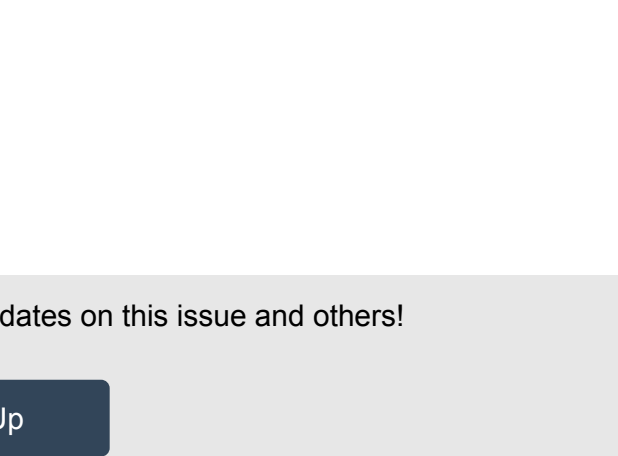
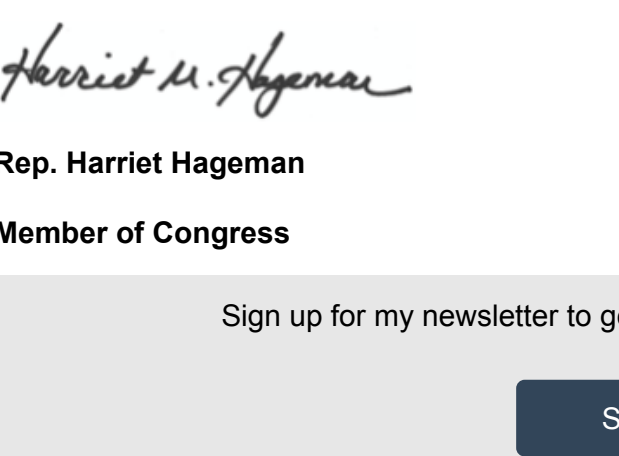
#### **Department of the Interior Reopens Regulatory Reform Comment Period**

In May, the Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a request for information on DOI Regulatory Reform. While the original comment deadline ended this summer, the [DOI announced on Tuesday that it was reopening](#) this comment period indefinitely.

## Recent Photos



I had a wonderful visit with homeschool families in the Cokeville area. Thank you for sharing your stories and discussing how I can better support your right to educate your children how you see fit.



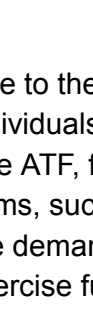
It was a pleasure to speak with students at Cokeville High School about my work in Congress.

These students' curiosity, drive, and commitment to our communities inspires me. Thank you for welcoming me into your halls and for engaging in the discussion.

## Recent Votes

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

## Tweet of the Week



**Rep. Harriet Hageman**   
[@RepHageman](#)

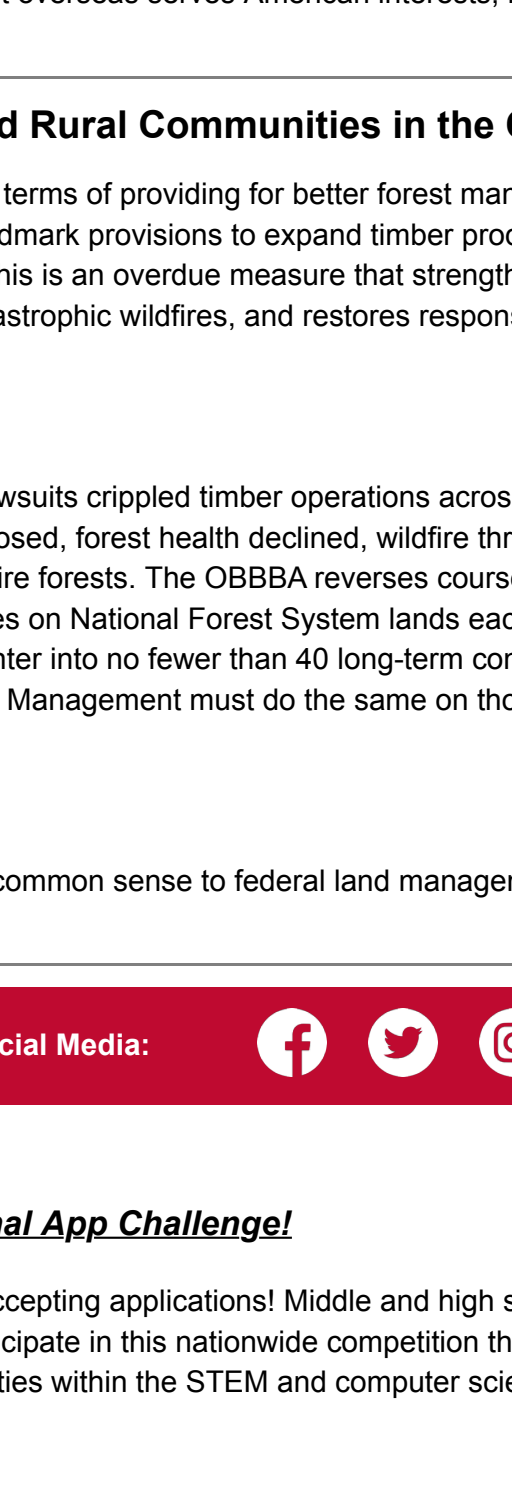
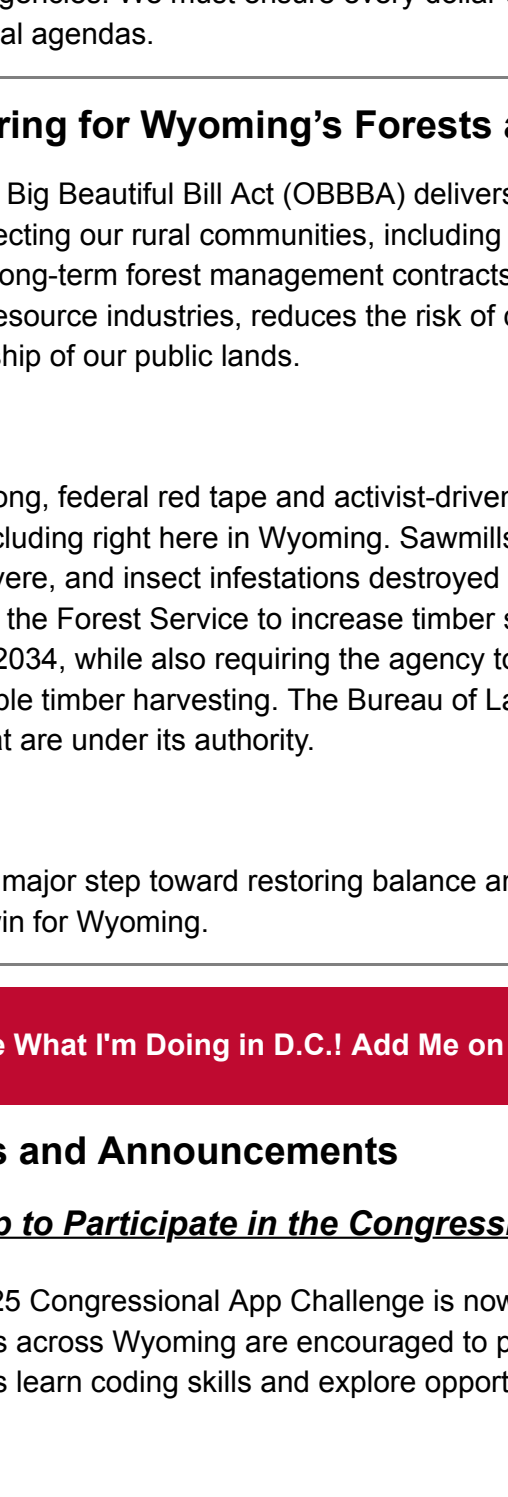


I am proud to join my colleagues in a letter to the [@USTreasury](#) demanding that "gender-affirming care" be removed from tax-advantaged medical expenses.

We cannot let Americans unknowingly subsidize dangerous, radical treatments, especially when political violence like the assassination of Charlie Kirk shows where this ideology leads. Our children deserve protection, not experimentation.

## Video of the Week

Get in the room!  
Cowboy State Daily Live chat



I joined Jake Nichols on the Cowboy State Daily Show to discuss Biden COVID Subsidies, President Trump securing a peace deal between Israel and Hamas, the Biden administration surveilling Republicans, and my travels around Wyoming.

## In the News

**Sen. Lummis introduces law requiring basic English skills for commercial drivers licenses**

Wyoming National Guard prepares for the fall out of shutdown

Connor's Law is a vital safeguard for every American traveling our highways. Codifying the English language proficiency requirement ensures commercial drivers can read warning signs, communicate with law enforcement, and respond appropriately in emergencies.

Senate Democrats' refusal to end this shutdown puts our servicemembers at risk. I am proud to cosponsor the Pay Our Troops Act, which would guarantee our military families the financial certainty they deserve, even during a government shutdown.

## 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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