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John Cox  
Director  
Wyoming Department of Transportation  
5300 Bishop Boulevard  
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Dear Mr. Cox:

I am sending this letter to voice my support for the state of Wyoming's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery discretionary grant application for the Beartooth Highway. The Northern Region of the U.S. Forest Service has long been a partner in the Beartooth Highway Steering Committee and a supporter of improvements to the highway.

The Beartooth Highway provides an important access for users of the Custer and Gallatin National Forests, and for management of those National Forest system lands. In addition, the Beartooth Highway is important to economies of the rural communities it serves. As a Scenic Byway and an All American Road, it attracts visitors from around the country and internationally also.

It is important to the Forest Service that funds for the remaining projects identified in the "Beartooth Highway Project Funding and Delivery Plan" are secured in order to provide for the safe travel of National Forest visitors and our employees.

Sincerely,

*for*   
VICTORIA CHRISTIANSEN  
Acting Regional Forester

cc: Tim Reardon, Michael Will

