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Pinedale Anticline Project Office:

The panel review teams reviewing the wildlife monitoring associated with sage-grouse, pygmy rabbits, and white-tailed prairie dogs on the Pinedale Anticline Project Area have completed their work. As planned, one panel reviewed the sage-grouse monitoring and a second panel reviewed the pygmy rabbit and prairie dog monitoring plans together (referred to as “sensitive species”). Both panels consisted of PhD-level biologists with extensive experience with the study organisms and relevant statistical issues; the final reports represent a consensus view among the panel members.

I believe that both panels have provided a very thorough review of the associated monitoring plans. I hope that you will find their comments and suggestions useful in improving the ability of the Pinedale Anticline Project Office to monitor wildlife populations while tracking their response to energy development.

If you have any additional questions regarding these peer review reports, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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