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April 19, 2023

Ashley National Forest
Attn: Jayson Roundy
355 North Vernal Avenue
Vernal, UT 84078

Re: Special Use Permit Buckboard Marina Boundary Realignment

Jayson Roundy:

Thank you for recently attending our April 18, 2023 Board of County Commissioners meeting and providing additional information concerning the boundary realignment special use permit submitted on behalf of Buckboard Marina. The Board appreciates our partnerships with our local Federal Agencies and participation as cooperators in the federal land planning process.

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area is an exceptional asset to our community that provides outdoor recreation opportunities and is a part of the local culture and economy. Preservation and maintenance of public access for multiple uses is of utmost importance to Sweetwater County and its residents.

The Board is in receipt of numerous resident concerns relating to the current operation of Buckboard Marina and possible reduction in public access to a popular recreation area. In order for the Board to provide comments, Sweetwater County will be submitting a FOIA request to obtain a copy of the special use permit so that we can properly respond to the following concerns:

- The permittee is not providing all of the services that are specific to the special use permit.
- The boundary line realignment will reduce public access to areas that provide multiple recreational use opportunities.

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- The boundary line adjustment proposal to the north of Buckboard Marina could reduce the availability of both dispersed camping and recreational day use opportunities in a historic high use area.

Due to the approaching public scoping period deadline of April 21, 2023 Sweetwater County respectfully requests for an extension of the public scoping period to provide sufficient time to obtain copies of the special use permit and provide comments. Sweetwater County understands the importance of the operation of Buckboard Marina and looks forward to working with the Forest Service through the permitting process.

Please feel free to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keaton D. West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keaton D. West, Chairman

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