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United States Congressman Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S. 2057 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

RE: Endangered Species Act Modernization Package

Dear Congressman Gosar,

On behalf of the Campbell County Board of Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Modernization Package to be heard by the Committee on Natural Resources on September 26th. We offer our endorsement of the nine (9) bills contained in the Modernization Package and are encouraged by provisions which will allow for enhanced coordination and cooperation with local governments in regard to listing decisions and species recovery objectives. The ESA Modernization Package will allow us to work in partnership with federal agencies, local mineral and agriculture industries and our constituents to continue to achieve balance with area natural resources and the economic growth and development of Campbell County.

Congressman Gosar, may your Legislative Committee meeting be productive and result in the approval of amendments to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. We appreciate your consideration and please contact our office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mark A. Christensen Chairman

xc: United States Congresswoman Liz Cheney United States Senator John Barrasso United States Senator Mike Enzi

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