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Lawrence County Natural Resource Committee

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Hi Sir,

My name is Aaron Thompson and I was recently approached by Bill Colburn about serving on the perhaps newly formed Natural Resource Committee for Lawrence County. After listening to Bill describe the role that the Committee is to serve, I would very much be interested in being considered for one of the seats.

I grew up on my family's ranch west of Spearfish and have been managing the ranch for the last fifteen years. We have forest allotments on the Black Hills National Forest in Lawrence County and Crook County in Wyoming. While running the ranch, I concurrently worked with the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks and the U.S. Forest Service in an advisory capacity on resource issues primarily related to grazing and wildlife interactions. I am currently president of the Spearfish Livestock Association. I hold a B.S. in Agricultural Business from the University of Wyoming. Additionally I am very familiar with other resource issues in the county; forestry, noxious weeds, ground and surface water, and the interactions and externalities that often arise when managing for multiple uses. With this background I feel I would very much have something to contribute to the dialogue.

Please consider me for the committee, and if you or any of the Commissioners have any questions for me I would be happy to visit any time. My cell is 605-210-5030.

Sincere thanks,

Aaron Thompson