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Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Resolution on Public Access in Wind Farm Developments September 10, 2009

WHEREAS wind farm development will occur in areas that are popular for hunting and fishing activities; and

WHEREAS continued access to these areas is important in order to meet harvest objectives and maintain healthy wildlife populations and quality habitat; and

WHEREAS the wind industry has expressed concerns over potential vandalism to equipment by high powered rifles;

WHEREAS hunters and anglers have a widely recognized, and long standing history of safe and responsible conduct in the field; and

WHEREAS individuals that damage wind development property are vandals, not hunters or anglers, who should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, when they use firearms to damage property.

NOW, THEREFORE be it supported by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission that:

1. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department (the Department) continue to advocate that wind energy development companies allow public access for hunters and anglers, in particular hunters, in areas with wind farms on all public lands and on private lands where the private landowner wants to allow hunting and fishing; and
2. The Department, work with land management agencies, local law enforcement, wind development companies, and private landowners to reduce and report damage to wind turbine generators caused by vandals.
3. The Department recommend to the Industrial Siting Council that permits for wind farm development be conditioned so as to prevent applicants from requiring indemnification from landowners who are willing to provide public access for hunting and fishing.