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Dear Ross, Jeff and Ryan,

I would like to offer my congratulations and my appreciation as well, for your leadership in bringing Platte and Goshen counties together to work with Building the Wyoming We Want on a regional pilot project.

At the conclusion of the second Building the Wyoming We Want conference in June of last year, I issued a challenge to communities, counties and regions across the state to help us initiate a long-range visioning project to help guide growth and development.

I was pleasantly surprised at the responses to that challenge, and am particularly delighted that Goshen and Platte counties have stepped forward to be the first regional project for Building the Wyoming We Want.

Under the leadership of the Platte County Economic Development Corp., the Goshen County Economic Development Corp., and the High Plains Economic Development District, your organizations have already engaged county commissioners, elected officials and residents of local communities in both counties, who are eager to participate in designing the future that will help the next generation of residents prosper.

I will continue to offer my support and encouragement as your regional initiative moves forward. This is important work, not only for your communities, but for the rest of the state as they watch to see how it's done, and learn from your results. I hope that in the coming years, residents across the state of Wyoming will look toward your initiative as the successful model to promote a community vision to protect the environment, economic vitality, and quality of life for generations to come.

Best regards,



Dave Freudenthal
Governor

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