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RE: DOCKET: 20.03.14 – Rules Governing Grazing, Farming, Conservation,
Noncommercial Recreation, and Communication Site Leases

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Ms. Faust,

The Idaho Wool Growers Association (IWGA) was established in 1893 as the primary voice for the sheep industry in Idaho. Our members raise and run sheep across Idaho on private, state and federal lands. Currently, the sheep and lamb inventory in Idaho is tallied at approximately 235,000 animals with a significant portion of those animals grazing on public land.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the rule described above. The IWGA understands that the Idaho Department of Lands must maintain integrity in managing the resources and uses to maximize the return for the beneficiaries. However, IWGA members would like to maintain consistency if they are to enter into an agreement for an IDL lease, especially if the lease goes to auction and is contested so money is invested up front for the lease.

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The IWGA would suggest that the following language be adopted into the rule under the section describing the “02. Change in Land Use.”

If the endowment lands are to be leased for any other use as designated by the Board or the department and the new use is incompatible with the existing lease, a change in land use can be executed at the conclusion of the existing lease term.

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding this comment.

Thank you,

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