

# Wyoming Sheriff's Association



Senator Lummis  
Russell Senate Office Building  
Suite SR-127A  
Washington, DC 20510

December 11, 2025

Re: Wyoming Sheriffs Support the CLEAR Act

Dear Senator Lummis,

The twenty-three Wyoming Sheriffs come together today to **unanimously** voice our support for companion Senate and House bills titled "The CLEAR Act", both of which would eliminate the Forest Service Criminal Prohibition Rule. The CLEAR Act would reign in the authority given to federal law enforcement personnel to engage in actions that have clearly rested within the purview of local law enforcement for the past 250 years. The CLEAR Act will rescind the authority the United States Forest Service bestowed upon itself through rule making authority, all while Western Sheriffs voiced opposition to that self-appointed expanded jurisdiction.

With that in mind, we collectively support the passage of the CLEAR Act. Delineating the responsibilities of local and federal law enforcement, based on law and not rule, is how Wyoming Sheriffs best serve our electorate. The US Forest Service law enforcement contingent, while a great resource when needed, should be responsive to the needs of Wyoming citizens and visitors. The only effective way to accomplish a community first approach to enforcement is through the duly elected Sheriffs that serve our Wyoming counties.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Rod Odenbach

President, Wyoming Sheriff's Association

Aaron Appelhans-Albany County, Ken Blackburn-Big Horn County, Scott Matheny-Campbell County, Alex Bakken-Carbon County, Clint Becker-Converse County, Jeff Hodge-Crook County, Ryan Lee-Fremont County, Kory Fleenor-Goshen County, Jerimie Kraushaar-Hot Springs County, Rod Odenbach-Johnson County, Brian Kozak-Laramie County, Shane Johnson-Lincoln County, John Harlin-Natrona County, Randy Starkey-Niobrara County, Darrell Steward-Park County, Tony Krotz-Platte County, Levi Dominguez-Sheridan County, KC Lehr-Sublette County, John Grossnickle-Sweetwater County, Matt Carr-Teton County, Andy Kopp-Uinta County, Austin Brookwell-Washakie County, Bryan Colvard-Weston County