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Planning and Building Department
Teton County Wyoming
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Dear Teton County Planning and Building Staff,

We would like to thank you again for your hard work to improve the County's Wildlife Friendly Fencing Land Development Regulation. We have recently been made aware of an important point that is missing in the drafted amendment and hope you will consider this concern.

Section 5.1.2.D, Special Purpose Fencing, does not clearly articulate that an exemption will not apply to fence that is not meant to contain animals/livestock or exclude wildlife from accessing food rewards like apiaries and livestock feed. We note that it does contain a list of examples of where exemptions may apply, but it does not make mention of fences that will not apply which could lead to open interpretation, for example, we are aware of existing fences in Teton County that are for privacy and decorative purposes and are not wildlife friendly. While we are not asking these types of fences not be allowed, we are asking that these types of fences remain Wildlife Friendly. Respectfully, private property boundaries and landscape enhancements can be done in ways that are friendlier to wildlife. Such examples include examples from simple signage on posts to fences such as those described in section 5.1.2.C.

We suggest this addition to the language in the LDR:

EXAMPLE: Examples of special purpose fencing within a non-qualifying agricultural property include fencing for a dog kennel, certain types of agricultural fencing (such as bull enclosure, pig pens, sheep enclosure, fencing to secure stored livestock feed, fencing for winter livestock feeding sites, and fencing for 4-H projects), fencing for mitigation sites, fencing for restoration areas, securing a construction site, swimming pool enclosure, screening of refuse facilities, recycling containers, dumpsters, and small yard enclosure. See Sec. 5.1.3 Wildlife Feeding.

EXAMPLE OF FENCES NOT QUALIFIED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE EXEMPTION: Fences such as those being used for privacy, private property demarcation, or decoration will not be permitted to be built unless they meet Wildlife Friendly standards described in this regulation.

We appreciate the work you do to conserve our ecosystem.

Sincerely,

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