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The Honorable Doug Burgum, Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Sonya Germann, State Director  
Montana/Dakotas BLM State Office  
5001 Southgate Drive  
Billings, MT 59101

RE: Notice of Protest of BLM Notice of Proposed Decision Dated January 16, 2026 as to  
IBLA Appeals MT-010-22-01, MT-010-22-02 and MT-010-22-03

Dear Secretary Burgum and State Director Germann:

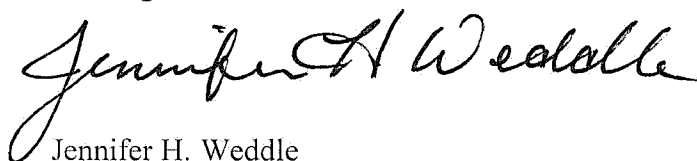
This firm represents the Coalition of Large Tribes, which submits its Notice of Protest of the Proposed Decision dated January 16, 2026 as to IBLA Appeals MT-010-22-01, MT-010-22-02 and MT-010-22-03 herewith, pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 4160.2, as a member of the interested public. COLT's supporting letter and exhibits are filed herewith by hand delivery at your offices in Billings, Montana.

Additionally, COLT submits additional support for its protest and the appeals from: the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, a COLT member tribe; the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; Tanka Fund, and Cheyenne River Buffalo Ranch & Wild Idea Buffalo Co., all of which share COLT's concerns as members of the interested public with respect to the Proposed Decision's unintended negative consequences for tribal bison herds.

Courtesy copies of these materials have also been submitted electronically on today's date.

Future correspondence regarding COLT's filings should please be directed to my attention at Greenberg Traurig LLP, 1144 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 3300, Denver, Colorado 80202. Thank you.

Best regards,



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