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Ms. Monica Gourdine  
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Dear Ms. Gourdine,

The National Park Service (NPS) endorses the Wyoming Department of Transportation's (WYDOT) request for location exceptions of National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) stations. Granting these exceptions will allow WYDOT to fund a holistic state electric vehicle (EV) program that better serves the greatest potential EV consumer base. Residents and out-of-state travelers that embrace EV technology will be able to visit our national parks with confidence that the EV infrastructure in Wyoming is supportive.

WYDOT initiated contact with the NPS shortly after the 90-day NEVI program guidance published to discuss NPS needs and interest in EV charging infrastructure and visitor travel patterns. Using available data, analysis suggested:

- National Parks are not located along Wyoming's alternative fuel corridors;
- Significant potential exists for increased traffic along routes to and from National Parks by out-of-state EV travelers;
- EV miles driven per day in Yellowstone exceeds EV miles driven per day on all Wyoming Interstates;
- Saturation of Wyoming's alternative fuel corridors (Interstates 80, 25, and 90) would not fully support movement of out-of-state EV travelers to most of the National Parks located within the state;
- EV station economic viability along alternative fuel corridors would be endangered due to lack of adequate EV traffic along alternative fuel corridors;
- Reducing EV station density along alternative fuel corridors and increasing EV stations along routes to and within Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks and Devil's Tower National Monument supports existing travel patterns.

The WYDOT National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan supports common sense EV travel and infrastructure in a rural state where most EV travelers are from out-of-state with an end destination to the most iconic national parks in the nation. In addition to providing seamless EV travel to the entrances of the national parks, WYDOT is partnering with the NPS on

opportunities to provide EV infrastructure in strategic locations within parks. NPS supports WYDOT's proposed approach and requests for exceptions.

Shifting funds from alternative fuel corridor stations to routes that enable tourist movement provides a better economic environment for the overall EV infrastructure network. It also better supports the local economies and will enhance the EV user experience. The NPS recommends favorable consideration of the overall WYDOT plan and the station exception requests.

Please contact Mike Madej, Alternative Transportation Program Manager at [michael\\_madej@nps.gov](mailto:michael_madej@nps.gov) if more information is needed regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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