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Bayard Fox, Registered Agent Bitterroot Ranch Family Limited Partnership Bitterroot Ranch Operations Limited Partnership Bitterroot Ranch LLC 1480 E. Fork Road Dubois, WY 82513

Hadley Fox, Operator Bitterroot Ranch 1480 E. Fork Road Dubois, WY 82513

> Re: Administrative Order Closure, Bitterroot Ranch, PWS ID #5601511, Docket No. SDWA-08-2012-0013

Dear Mr. and Ms. Fox:

This letter is to inform you of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to close the Administrative Order (Order) issued to the Bitterroot Ranch corporations and Hadley Fox (Bitterroot) on February 28, 2012. The EPA has determined that Bitterroot has complied with the requirements of the Order and therefore we will close it at this time.

Please be aware that Bitterroot is still required to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (drinking water regulations), 40 C.F.R. part 141. Violation of the drinking water regulations may result in a court-imposed injunction and/or penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of violation.

Thank you for resolving these issues. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kathelene Brainich at (303) 312-6481.

Sincerely,

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Kimberly Pardue-Welch, Team Lead Drinking Water Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

cc: WY DEQ & WY DOH (via email) Tina Artemis, EPA Regional Hearing Clerk