



## Speak Up For the Red Desert's Migrations

**Write to Governor Matt Mead: ask him to protect mule deer migration!**

**The Red Desert is part of the longest mule deer migration in North America!** As seasons change and deer follow the shifting availability of forage, they make a 150 mile round trip from the winter range of the Red Desert to the higher elevation slopes around the Hoback Basin.

Cutting-edge scientific research has enabled scientists to track the narrow, well-defined corridors that deer travel while moving between summer and winter range. Unfortunately, development in these corridors — in particular, oil and gas activity — disrupt the ability of deer to move across the landscape. Deer are vulnerable during their long journey — many do not survive the trip — and travel north through the Red Desert in a weakened state after a long winter. To ensure that our herds remain healthy, it's vital that we prevent oil and gas development in these crucial, narrow migration corridors.

**Take a moment today to write to Wyoming's governor and ask him to stand up for the Red Desert — and its important habitat and herds — by preventing oil and gas leasing in the migration corridor!**

### **Sentence 1:**

Introduce yourself! Write a sentence that tells the governor about your connection to Wyoming ecosystems - maybe the Red Desert in particular. How do you experience Wyoming wildlife and landscapes? Do you hike, hunt, bike, climb? Let Governor Mead know!

### **Sentence 2:**

Mention what makes the Red Desert unique – tell the governor that it's a beautiful, special place that's important for wildlife. Maybe even share how amazing it is that Wyomingites get to explore and recreate in the home of the **longest mule deer migration route in the world!**

### **Sentence 3:**

Tell the governor that the migration corridor needs to be protected, and ask the governor to reject oil and gas leasing in the migration corridor.

### **Finally:**

Sign your name, and include your address and phone number and/or email.

Visit [governor.wyo.gov/contact-us](http://governor.wyo.gov/contact-us) to send a message to Gov. Matt Mead.