



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 to send a message to Gov. Matt Mead.