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Mr. Joan Brooks
3605 Fire Ring Court
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Dear Mr. Brooks,

Thank you for your correspondence about the treatment of wildlife in the American West, specifically the role the United States Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plays in managing public lands. It is encouraging to see citizens engaged in their government.

As you noted in your letter, the sage-grouse habitat stretches from the Dakotas to California, far from the borders of the Palmetto State. I have frequently spoken out against federal and other outside intrusions into matters that have traditionally been under the jurisdiction of the states. For this reason, I feel it would be inappropriate for me to insert myself into a matter that my fellow governors in the western states should rightfully work with BLM to resolve.

Despite my reluctance to personally intervene in land management issues in distant states, I encourage you to share your opinions directly with BLM:

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Here at home, as Governor, I am committed to working to make South Carolina a more business-friendly state while respecting and conserving our natural resources. Thank you again for your interest; please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance on this or any other issue. God bless.

My very best,


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