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Mediation is a very efficient, cost effective and make able tool that should be encouraged early on the review of financial conditions because it often comes too late in the process. It should be encouraged as early and any problem is foreseen to assist in useful communication beneficial to all concerned.

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The redirection if water from agriculture to urban areas is a very critical concern. There needs to be a way to allow agriculture to continue to utilize water for production. Water that is kept in agriculture stays on the land. It supports fisheries and wildlife.

Thank you

Meghan Lally

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Mr. Undersecretary:

After listening to most all the comments at the Listening Session today in Douglas, WY, I must say that I have to agree somewhat with all of those that stated and with everything on most comments.

What I think is most important to consider though is the we keep Commodity Agriculture Profitable and a lot of the issues will take care of themselves. Agriculture producers always were and still are the best conservationist we have ever had as long as they have the resources to do it with, hence the profit on their operations.

There definitely needs to be some provisions for beginning farmers, ranchers as the tremendous amount of outside money going into agriculture lands makes it prohibitively expensive for young and beginning NAFDE operators to become established in an operation the size and space necessary to be profitable.

Protect US Agriculture First and Foremost.

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