Dear Readers,

I am excited about my second term and the prospects ahead for Wyoming. I will continue to do a journal because it’s a good way to highlight special events and recognize Wyoming people and places. While the journal cannot be all-inclusive, it is representative of the year in retrospect.

This journal covers the year 2014. It was a year that set the next biennial budget and provided for a higher standard of broadband access through the Unified Network. It was a year when the state had to fight a number of unreasonable EPA actions, including proposed rules for power plants and waters of the U.S. and EPA’s disapproval of part of Wyoming’s regional haze plan. Wyoming also filed suit to require the BLM to manage wild horses effectively and continued to seek coal port expansion in the Northwest. During the year, I worked to complete a state water strategy, which was published in January 2015. Water is a vital resource, a key to everything we do, have done and will do, and now we go to work to implement that strategy.

It was a busy year- one Carol and I will never forget. We feel blessed and privileged to serve four more years as your Governor and First lady.

Governor Matt Mead
2 - Welcomed Magpul Industries to Cheyenne. Magpul is a company with a production line that includes consumer products and firearm accessories on proprietary composite material.

6 - Petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through the Attorney General, for reconsideration and stay of the agency’s decision revising the Wind River Reservation boundary.

7 - Served lunch with Carol at the Comea Shelter in Cheyenne.

8 - Recognized employees with 15-25, 30-35, and 40+ years of service to the State of Wyoming.

10 - Presented the National Adoption Excellence Award to Casper residents Steve and Kristen Marler, who have three biological and six adopted children and have foster parented over 50 children.
13 - Gave remarks at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Child Development Center in Rock Springs.

13 - Carol and I toured the new Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County Cancer Center/Office Building.

16 - Visited Big Horn Enterprises, a company that provides services to individuals with intellectual disabilities, in Worland. Also spoke at the Worland-Ten Sleep Chamber of Commerce 62nd Annual Banquet.

20 - Marched with Carol and others in Cheyenne to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Equality Day.
21 - Proclaimed January 22, 2014 as Homeless Count Day, a day set to determine the number of homeless in Wyoming.

23 - Proposed to the Legislature that Wyoming set aside $15 million and that private partners also invest in a world-class research center to develop and test new uses for carbon captured from coal-based power plants.

27 - Reported progress on installation of cisterns and a water loading station for residents who live outside the town of Pavillion. Efforts to ensure access to safe and reliable drinking water continue.

28 - Gave remarks at the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Casper College Student Union and University of Wyoming at Casper.

28 - Ordered the State of Wyoming flag lowered to half-staff at the Capitol and in Campbell County to honor Representative Sue Wallis.

28 - Wyoming Supreme Court ruled 3-2 against the constitutionality of Senate File 104.

29 - Congratulated Ray Streets, who turned 100 years old on January 9th, in Newcastle.

30 - Attended unveiling of the official lottery logo and open house at the Wyoming Lottery Corporation headquarters in Cheyenne.
4 - Presented service award to Secretary of State Max Maxfield.

5 - Gave opening remarks at the Wyoming Employment First Summit.

7 - Spoke at an Evening of Celebration for Wyoming National Board Certified Teachers.

10 - Delivered State of the State address to a Joint Session of the 62nd Legislature. Recognized Wyoming’s strength and discussed the biennial budget – an opportunity to invest in and bank on Wyoming.
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<td>Took part in Governors’ winter meetings; met with fellow Governors, members of the President’s Cabinet and the Council of Governors in Washington, D.C.; visited with the President at the White House; discussed states’ leadership roles and shared Wyoming’s success in developing an energy strategy and expanding infrastructure and access to broadband.</td>
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25 - Spoke at the annual Tourism Salute to the Industry, recognizing Wyoming’s #2 industry.

27 - Signed proclamation recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

28 - Submitted to the Wyoming Senate a list of names to consider for cabinet positions and for various state boards and commissions.

28 - Presented Governor’s Arts Awards to five outstanding Wyoming recipients and spoke at the awards dinner.
4 - Noted the ranking of Wyoming by the National Institute on Retirement Security as the best state for future retirees.

5 - Signed the budget bill for the next two years, commending innovative ideas like the Unified Network and the Integrated Test Center. The budget provides for savings, education, local government, wildlife, new technologies, recruiting and retaining businesses, and health and safety. Remarked that, “We remain fiscally conservative and have the desire to build on our strengths and position ourselves well for tomorrow.”

6 - Signed a joint resolution that recognizes the importance of the relationship between Taiwan and the State of Wyoming, putting a new emphasis on developing international trade. Remarked that, “This is a relationship to build upon.”

4 - Thanked Chief Executive Officer Dave Lesar of Halliburton for the company’s $3 million contribution to help build a new energy and engineering research complex on the UW campus.
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6 - In closing remarks, thanked the members of the Legislature for their hard work during the 2014 budget session and noted: “We invested in Wyoming, not just for two years, but for many years to come.”

7 - Called up the Wyoming National Guard to help with flooding of the Big Horn River in northern Wyoming.

14 - Recognized the Wyoming construction industry for creating the Wyoming Construction Safety Alliance.

17 - Toured coal export facilities in Australia.

18 - Addressed the 2014 International Advanced Coal Technology Conference in Brisbane, Australia.

27 - Carol was the featured speaker at the grand opening of the UW Literacy Center and, together, we cut the ribbon for the UW Education Annex Canopy Project.

28 - Participated in Veterans Welcome Home Day ceremonies in Torrington, Buffalo and Jackson. This marked the 4th annual Wyoming Veterans Welcome Home Day.
4 - Recognized Wyoming’s economic strength, with the lowest jobless rate since 2008 (4.2%), 7th highest rank for per capita personal income for 2013 ($50,924.) and the lowest state and local tax burden in the country.

8 - Visited fifth grade social studies students at Evansville Elementary in Evansville.

9 - Noted it was a compliment to those in the Legislature and state government, following release of a Gallup poll showing 76% of respondents had “a great deal or fair amount” of trust in state government.

11 - Signed a proclamation and joined in planting a pinwheel garden for Child Abuse Awareness Month.

11 - Signed a proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

7 - Welcomed students from the Cheyenne All-City Children’s Chorus.
11 - Welcomed and thanked the 133rd Engineering Company of the Wyoming National Guard, which returned from Bahrain in February, and noted their upcoming Freedom Salute Awards Ceremony.

14 - Joined Denver Broncos quarterback Brock Osweiler as a coach to students in a rollout of a “Financial Football” game.

14 - Attended robing ceremony for Catherine Rogers, newly appointed District Judge for the First Judicial District in Laramie County, following Judge Arnold’s retirement.

15 - Participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Fort Laramie Rail Facility.

15 - Joined local officials and others in a media event for the STEM Initiative rollout at Pinedale High School.

15 - Spoke at the grand opening lunch celebration for the 4-H Livestock Facility in Pinedale.

16 - Read to fifth grade students at Cheyenne’s Freedom Elementary in recognition of Week of the Military Child.

17 - With Carol, hosted a lunch and reception for a delegation from Taiwan, celebrating the 30th anniversary of sister state/province relations between Wyoming and Taiwan.
17 - Spoke at the Pioneer Printing open house in Cheyenne, celebrating the renovation, expansion and significant investment by one of the oldest businesses in Wyoming and the West.

18 - In response to Judge Thomas Campbell’s order regarding the lawsuit over education management stated, “I am pleased the Court has issued an order that brings finality to this matter.”

18 - Joined student winners in the 20th Annual Bookmark Celebration – Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom.
21 - As a guest mystery reader, read to Manor Heights Elementary first grade students in Casper.

21 - Signed an Environmental Stewardship Day proclamation.

21 - Announced Underwriters Laboratories, a multinational company, will open a technology center on the University of Wyoming campus in Laramie.

23 - Toured the coal-producing Westmoreland Kemmerer Mine and PacifiCorp Naughton Power Plant.

24 - Spoke at the spring meeting of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association in Saratoga.
24 - In a letter to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, noted Wyoming continues to work to protect Wyoming’s forests, identified most forests areas as needing expedited insect and disease treatment, and requested the state be included in the USFS planning process for the Shoshone National Forest.

25 - Announced Microsoft will invest $274 million, expanding its data center west of Cheyenne bringing its investment in the area to nearly $500 million.

28 - Viewed the Budge Drive landslide area in Jackson.

30 - Spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony for the South Big Horn County Hospital District’s new hospital/emergency room.
1 - Commemorated National Travel and Tourism Week in Wyoming with remarks and a proclamation signing.

2 - Responded to strong employment data, noting that, “We are seeing successes... Wyoming’s private sector is showing its resiliency.”

5 - Reported private companies are starting to build out the Unified Network, one of my top priorities.

6 - Directed the Wyoming Attorney General to join a lawsuit, *Nojay v. Cuomo*, in the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals to protect the Second Amendment rights of citizens.

7 - Announced that Wyoming will host the Second Annual Cameco Cowboy Tough Adventure Race that will include an elite expedition race and other competitions.
9 - In a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, questioned the proposed rule of the U.S. EPA that would require new coal-fired power plants to install unproven and costly carbon capture and sequestration technologies. Expressed concern that EPA’s proposal is not legally, technologically or economically justified.

12 - Unveiled the new “Wyoming LNG Roadmap Report”, produced by Gladstein, Neandross & Associates, which shows Wyoming is well positioned to be a leader in developing a liquefied natural gas industry for high horsepower uses.

13 - Complimented the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission for moving ahead with its aggressive four-year plan to plug orphaned coal bed methane wells.

13 - With Carol, attended the Cheyenne Boys & Girls Club’s Back-a-Kid Breakfast.

14 - Gave keynote addressing the future of Wyoming’s coal industry at the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority Spring Energy Conference in Cheyenne.

14 - Celebrated the Dubois Centennial at a commemorative open house.

16 - Recognized more than 50 Wyoming men and women newly enlisted in military service at the National Guard Joint Forces Readiness Center in Cheyenne.
16 - Participated in a Military Recognition and Celebration Event to honor Service men and women.

16 - Selected Matt Castano as the new Circuit Court Judge for the Sixth Judicial District in Crook and Weston Counties.

19 - Addressed the first Wyoming Energy Summit in Casper, covering topics that included coal exports, sage-grouse and the next generation of energy.

20 - Asked Secretary Sally Jewell of the U.S. Department of the Interior to remove grizzly bears from the endangered species list since all regulatory requirements and biological objectives have been met or exceeded.

21 - In a letter to the Bureau of Land Management, supported the Energy Gateway South transmission line project.

23 - Laid out an approach for value-added energy and industrial project development. The effort will develop recommendations to encourage processing and conversion of natural gas, coal, bentonite, trona and rare earth elements in Wyoming and entail several task forces.
24 - Activated a Wyoming National Guard and Wyoming Office of Homeland Security team to assist Carbon County local officials with potential flooding.

26 - Traveled to Cody for Memorial Day service and dedication of the World War I Memorial at the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Park.

28 - Joined Carol and a coalition of Wyoming businesses, non-profits, and state agencies to host the final “Eat. Read. Grow.” event of the 2013-14 school year in Cheyenne.

28 - Due to the effects of warmer temperatures and increased rainfall, sent three more Wyoming National Guard teams to Carbon County.

28 - On behalf of the State of Wyoming, accepted the Wyoming State Fair’s 100th Anniversary Commemorative Saddle from Chuck Sylvester.
3-4 - Traveled to Longview, Washington and toured the Millennium Bulk Terminals, a facility that could create hundreds of jobs and help expand markets for Wyoming’s coal industry; met with local officials and Washington State legislators for round table discussions.

3 - Carol serves as Reading Ambassador for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge for a fourth year and as First Lady has donated 2,000 books to students across Wyoming.

4 - Authorized state emergency funds to pay the tuition for the 2013-14 school year for Wyoming students who live in Mammoth Hot Springs and attend school in Gardiner, Montana.

5 - Announced the second commitment to the University of Wyoming, $5 million by Hess Corporation, which will help fund the High Bay Research Facility.

6 - Gave address at the 2014 Wyoming Cattle Industry Convention Awards luncheon.

10 - Invited the public to comment on the Wyoming Water Strategy.

12 – Announced that a plan to establish pipeline corridors through federal lands was submitted by the Wyoming Pipeline Authority to the BLM. The plan would reduce permitting timeframes and could expedite enhanced oil recovery.
12 - Addressed Boys' State delegates in Cheyenne.


18 - Presented the U.S. SBA Person of the Year for Wyoming award to Jennifer Merrill of Merrill, Inc. of Cheyenne.
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June 2014

19 - Ordered the Wyoming state flag be lowered to half-staff at the Capitol and in Johnson and Sheridan Counties on the passing of Senator John Schiffer of Kaycee.

20 - With former Governor Dave Freudenthal, wrote a guest editorial titled “States are Leading the Way on Sage Grouse.”

20 - Spoke at the Wyoming Mining Association’s 59th Annual Convention – Safety Awards Luncheon.

24 - Released money to the University of Wyoming for the Engineering Building and the High Bay Research Facility. Plans for both buildings were reviewed and approved by the Energy, Engineering, STEM Integration Task Force.

24 - Joined by the Wyoming Council for Women’s Issues and the Wyoming Women’s Foundation, signed the 2014 Wyoming Equal Pay Day proclamation. The proclamation marked continuing efforts to create more opportunities for women and decrease the wage gap.
26 - Hosted a signing ceremony with the Director of BLM for the Record of Decision for the BLM's Lander Resource Management Plan. This is the first RMP to address management of important Greater sage-grouse habitat and include a master leasing plan. It incorporates a state-based approach to sage-grouse protection. It also incorporates Wyoming's pipeline corridor plan.

27 - Spoke at the American Legion Annual Convention opening ceremonies in Gillette.
1 - Received a maple leaf decorated cake in honor of Canada Day from the Canadian Consulate in Denver.

2- Rode in the Cody Stampede Parade.

4 - As the Grand Marshal, rode with Carol in the Jackson Centennial Howdy Pardner's Fourth of July Parade.

9 - In a letter to the Administrator of the EPA, opposed the Interpretive Rule that inhibits the agriculture exemption in the Clean Water Act.

14 – Unveiled Wyoming’s new energy strategy website.

15 - Reported that Wyoming ranked #2 in Pollina Corporate Real Estate’s ranking of the Top Ten Pro-Business States for 2014.
17 - Presented a Department of Family Services award to Executive Director Ray Fleming Dinneen for CLIMB Wyoming’s longtime success in helping families affected by poverty.

18 - Invited the public to visit the Capitol, which will be open for tours and sightseeing on the Saturdays during Cheyenne Frontier Days.

20 - Welcomed the finalists at the finish of the Cameco and City of Casper Cowboy Tough Expedition Race.

22 - Drew the names of five Wyoming non-profit organizations to receive the Governor’s Wild Bison license tag that, when sold, benefit the organizations’ missions.
30 - Taped a video in recognition of the 100 year anniversary of the University of Wyoming's College of Education to be played during halftime at the September 6th UW-Air Force football game.

30 - Spoke at the grand opening of Green House Data’s new data center and headquarters in Cheyenne.

31 - Noted Wyoming’s low unemployment, growing incomes and second highest increase in Gross Domestic Product in the country.
1 - Continued to fight EPA’s regulatory overreach. Wyoming joined 11 other states in opposing an EPA regulation to further limit carbon dioxide emissions from existing coal power plants.

4 - Recognized the ruling by the 10th Circuit Appeals Court in Wyoming’s favor in a lawsuit that challenged a forest management plan for the Black Hills National Forest. Wyoming supported the Forest Service’s plan for dealing with bark beetle, timber management and grazing management. The appeals court upheld the plan.

8 - Defended Wyoming’s elk feedgrounds in Bridger-Teton National Forest by seeking to intervene in a lawsuit filed by Western Watersheds Project, challenging a 20-year use permit granted to the state by the Forest Service.

11 - Attended robing ceremony for Tom Lee on his appointment to the First Judicial District Circuit Court in Laramie County.

13 - Signed proclamation recognizing August as Summer Hunger Awareness Month.

13 - Commended state agencies for using WyoStat to advance effective delivery of services and increase government efficiency.

14 - Activated Wyoming Army National Guard personnel and equipment to assist forest fire fighting in Washington State.
15 - Addressed the general session of the 44th Annual Wyoming Trauma Conference in Cheyenne.

15 - Wyoming sought to intervene to protect state interests in a lawsuit brought by wild horse advocates against a BLM decision to remove wild horses from private lands in southwest Wyoming. Stated that, “We are not against having wild horses on public lands, but they need to be managed appropriately.”

19 - Gave remarks at the Mental Health Summit for Providers at the Joint Forces Readiness Center.

19 - Took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge to support finding a cure and treatments for ALS.

21 - Participated in the Coal Panel at the Rocky Mountain Energy & Infrastructure Summit in Jackson.

22 – Appointed a Task Force on Science and Facilities. The panel of accomplished scientists, industry leaders and other professionals will focus on upgrading the science programs and laboratories at the University of Wyoming.

29 - Moderated the Information Superhighway-Broadband Networks panel discussion in Jackson.
- In a letter to the U.S. Forest Service, called for the withdrawal of a directive that would require the USFS to evaluate and manage surface and groundwater resources in Wyoming.

- Signed proclamation for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

- Through the Wyoming Attorney General, appealed Oregon’s decision to deny a permit for an export facility that would ship coal from the Powder River Basin to Asia.

- Appointed to be Vice Chair of the National Governors Association Natural Resources Committee.

- Wyoming received favorable ruling from the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in wild horse management case. The court denied an emergency injunction sought by wild horse advocates.


- Attended Governor’s Invitational Golf Tournament in Casper, benefiting the Central Wyoming Hospice and Transitions.

- Provided welcome at the 16th Annual Awards and Recognition Breakfast for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming. Some Girls State Delegates attended with me.
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September 2014

18 - Gave opening remarks at the 18th Annual Wyoming Oil and Gas Fair in Jackson.

20 - Participated in the Lander One Shot Antelope Hunt.

22 - Proclamation signing for 2014 Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

24 - Signed and filed an emergency rule for wolves establishing that Wyoming’s commitment under its management plan is legally enforceable. The emergency rule has the force and effect of law immediately.

25 - Spoke at the awards luncheon of the Wyoming Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in Cheyenne.

25 - Spoke at the 87th Annual Convention of Wyoming Association of County Officers in Lander.

27 - Gave the keynote address at the Peabody Energy Leaders in Education Awards Ceremony in Gillette.

30 - Gave the keynote address at the grand opening of the Carbon County Career and Technical Education Center in Rawlins.
3- Signed proclamation for National Bullying Prevention Month.

7- Through the Attorney General, filed an opening brief in the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals challenging the EPA’s attempt to expand the boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation.

7- Signed proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

8- Toured Youth Emergency Services House and the Tammy Hladky Center of Hope in Gillette.

8- Spoke at the Wyoming Lodging and Restaurant Association Fall Summit in Gillette.

10- Announced the launch of the “Drive Sober Wyoming” smart phone app.

10- With Carol, welcomed hunters and presented a proclamation at the Wyoming Women’s Antelope Hunt in Clearmont.
15- Joined U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Director Dan Ashe of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Pinedale to recognize nine local ranchers who completed Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances for the protection of the Greater sage-grouse in Wyoming.

21- Continued the focus on growing technology and increasing access to broadband by hosting the Third Annual Wyoming Broadband Summit in Cheyenne.

21- Spoke at the grand opening for the Casper Crude to Rail Terminal.

21- Applauded the decision of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals for upholding Wyoming’s plan for controlling emissions of sulfur dioxide under the Clean Air Act’s regional haze program.

23 - Served lunch at “Veterans Stand Down” event in support of veterans and homeless veterans.
23- Gave remarks at the Marian Rochelle Gateway Center Grand Opening Donor Appreciation Dinner.

24- Remembered a great man and great judge - U.S. District Court Judge Clarence A. Brimmer.

29- Addressed the Wyoming Water Association at its Annual Meeting luncheon and provided an overview of the Wyoming Water Strategy.

30- Welcomed attendees at the 2nd Annual Landscape Discussion on Energy Law and Policy in the Rockies at the University of Wyoming in Laramie.
4- Election Day! Very honored to be elected by Wyoming voters to serve another term as Wyoming’s Governor.
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November 2014

6- Spoke at the cable cutting ceremony for Cheyenne’s Biogas Power Plant.

10- Addressed students at the Veterans Day Celebration at Freedom Elementary in Cheyenne.

11- Honored veterans during the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery.

17- Proclamation signing for National Rural Health Day.

17- Gave keynote address to the Natural Gas Vehicle Technology & Fueling Workshop in Cheyenne.

24- Spoke at the Laramie County Stock Growers Association Semiannual Meeting.
1- Held a news conference to discuss the supplemental budget proposal.

2- Called upon the EPA to withdraw proposed rules on carbon emissions for existing power plants.

8- Participated in “Wreaths Across America” placing a wreath in the Capitol during the holiday season to honor men and women of the military who have served or who are currently serving.

9- With Carol and UW President Dick McGinity, hosted a dinner for the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming.
12- Through the Attorney General, filed a brief in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, supporting the Wyoming plan to control nitrogen oxides against a challenge from environmental groups.

17- Gave remarks at the 7th Annual Menorah display lighting ceremony and Chanukah party.

18 – With Wyoming Adjutant General Major General Luke Reiner and others, spoke by video call with airmen from the 153rd Airlift Wing of the Wyoming Air National Guard, who are deployed to Southwest Asia. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Charles Delano/released)