



## **CHUCK GRAY, WYOMING SECRETARY OF STATE**

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## **Secretary Gray's Statement Expressing Total Disagreement with State Court Decision Forcing Gravel Pit Lease Renewal; Calls for Appeal of Ruling**

**CHEYENNE, WY** – In response to Wyoming State District Court Judge Joshua Eames' decision to reverse the Wyoming State Board of Land Commissioners' denial of gravel pit application renewals by PRISM Logistics in Natrona County, Wyoming Secretary of State Chuck Gray made the following statement:

"I've been clear in my opposition to the gravel pit leases at the base of Casper Mountain. Yesterday's decision by Judge Joshua Eames' to force a renewal of the gravel pit leases is outrageously wrong. This activist decision by an appointed judge needs to be appealed. This was the second of two left-wing activist decisions made in one day by appointed judges overturning Wyoming's constitutional processes. The State Board of Land Commissioners, elected by the people of Wyoming, made the correct decision to deny renewal of these leases in 2025. But now an activist judge is trying to force renewal of the leases, in direct contradiction with the Board's decision. The Wyoming State Constitution is clear that the Wyoming State Board of Land Commissioners is made up of state officers elected by the citizens of Wyoming, not by appointed judges. As a member of the State Board of Land Commissioners, I will continue to push back against projects that are not in the best interests of Wyomingites and not consistent with the fiduciary duty of the Board."

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