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WYO STOCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION DISMISSES OPPONENTS CLAIMS ABOUT CODE OF THE WEST

Cheyenne, WY – In light of opposition to the new Wyoming State Code, the Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) is declaring support and appreciation of the documentary project, “The Code of the West- Alive and Well in Wyoming.”

As a leader in Wyoming agriculture, WSGA applauds the Code of the West’s honest depiction of the agriculture industry, as well as so many other businesses and ways of life in Wyoming. As a result of the project, the unwritten code of Wyoming has been formalized into a state code that WSGA stands behind.

“The Code of the West applies to many individuals and businesses in Wyoming, not just ‘cowboys,’ as some opponents seem to believe,” WSGA Executive Vice President Jim Magagna said. “From students at the university, to small business owners on Main Street, to major energy companies, the components of this code are indeed alive and well in Wyoming.”

Many of Wyoming’s farms and ranches are approaching or have passed their centennial year and WSGA believes these businesses have operated in the same family and community for over 100 years by consistently adhering to a code of ethics. Though Wyoming’s state code was only recently adopted in the public eye, the principles themselves have long been practiced in Wyoming.

“We see proof of its existence every day as we live and work on Wyoming’s agricultural lands,” Magagna said. “It’s evident in the hours we work, the deals we make, our commitment to lands and livestock, and the deep bond we have with our communities.”

In 1872 the Wyoming Stock Growers Association was founded to protect the interests of the state’s cattlemen. The early members were instrumental in carving the Territory of Wyoming out of the wilderness, and eventually officiated at the birth of the State.

“We are confident that, were these individuals here today, they would recognize and lend their considerable support to Wyoming’s new official code,” Magagna said.

Today, Wyoming’s working family ranches count themselves fortunate to live and work beside other citizens who call Wyoming home. We all work in a variety of industries, but share a strong code of ethics- a desire to work with our neighbors, live with courage, and shake hands with confidence.

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