

# Wyoming Governor



**Dave Freudenthal, Democrat**  
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- Using additional revenues to prepare for continued population growth and resulting service needs.
- Planning and overseeing growth to minimize adverse impacts on existing residents.
- Making sure developers know our state is "open for business" and offering incentives to lure them here.
- Other:

2. What do you see as the proper exercise of condemnation authority under eminent domain?

- Any proposed project that will increase employment and tax revenues is a beneficial public use. Condemnation, if necessary, is proper and should be expedited.
- Public and private condemnation actions should be used only as a last resort, and only when the project for which the actions are taken can show clear public benefits with the least private harm.
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Other: **Several years ago, the Rocky Mountain Area Transmission Study was commissioned to determine the future of power generation and transmission in the Rocky Mountain region. In the wake of the study, the governors of Montana, Colorado and Idaho signed an agreement to coordinate that effort. I chose not to sign because the agreement was too broad in its grant of eminent domain authority.**

In terms of public condemnation, the use of eminent domain authority has its place. As we work to improve our state's infrastructure through the construction of roads, bridges and the like, where a public benefit can be demonstrated, condemnation is a proper tool. Even so, its use must be tempered, recognizing the incredible importance of private property rights in Wyoming.

I am opposed to the use of public condemnation in instances like those upheld in the case of Kelo v. City of New London—where economic devel-

opment was the cited public benefit. Because Wyoming's urban renewal statutes have the potential to allow a similar result in our state, I support altering these laws to limit their broad grant of eminent domain authority.

In the context of private condemnation, the ability to construct pipelines, power lines and other infrastructure is simply too important to Wyoming's economy to support any repeal of private condemnation authority. If we are going to be able to get our natural gas or electricity to market and into the homes of our people, the private exercise of condemnation authority is essential. Recognizing its importance to our state, private condemnation is still a significant imposition on private property rights. I encourage private parties to negotiate in good faith as a precursor to any use of condemnation authority. To this end, it may be appropriate to make good faith negotiations a statutory requirement, similar to split estate.

3. Would you support legislation changing state law to require the election of members of the Wyoming Beef Council?

- Yes.
- No.

Comments:

**As a general matter, I am comfortable with the current procedures for selecting members of the Wyoming Beef Council. Depending on the nature of the election process, I might be persuaded to consider an alternative mechanism.**

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing Wyoming?

**The most pressing issue facing Wyoming is balance. As we endeavor to develop Wyoming's abundant natural resources, we must balance the development with environmental protection, including monitoring, mitigation and reclamation, wildlife and habitat safeguards and reasonable accommodations and considerations of the owner of the surface estate.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to our state:

**Knowing that the Clark Resource Council is an affiliate of the Powder River Basin Resource Council, I remain hopeful that the people of Clark can continue their dialogue with the company seeking to develop oil and gas in the area. I understand that difficulties remain, but the relationship between all parties seems to be improving.**

# U.S. House of Representatives



**Barbara Cubin, Republican**  
Incumbent  
cubinforcongress.com

1. What do you see as the federal role in balancing Wyoming energy development and traditional uses of the land?

Requiring federal land management agencies to take local landowners' needs and desires into account when planning and permitting projects.

Using additional revenues to prepare for continued population growth and resulting service needs.

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Making sure developers know our state is "open for business" and offering incentives to lure them here.

Other: Ensuring the most up-to-date technologies are utilized in development projects to minimize the impact on the land, local residents, and wildlife.

Comments:

2. What should Congress do to encourage the development of renewable energy sources?

Nothing. The free market will drive research and innovation as needed.

Carefully targeted research and development subsidies and tax credits should be used to enhance the development of wind, solar and other renewable energy sources.

We need a "Manhattan Project" type of program to substantially increase our use of renewable energy.

Other:

Comments:

3. Do you support free trade agreements such as the Central American Free

Trade Agreement?

Yes.

No.

Why or why not?

**I support some free trade agreements, but not all. Wyoming, stock growers & Ag Producers need to compete in the global market place. For that they need trade pacts that provide a level playing field. There's a big difference in fair trade & free trade.**

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing Wyoming and the nation?

**America's Survival.**

**The most pressing issue facing us is our national security. We must move forward to control and monitor our own borders to take control of the flood of illegal immigrants pouring across our southern border. We must find out who is in this country on expired visas, whether student or work. We must not give amnesty to those in our country illegally.**

**Energy independence is also a major national security concern. We have the available resources and technology to lower our dependence on foreign sources of energy, including importing 58% of our oil. Through the use of our natural resources and alternative energy sources like wind, solar, hydrogen, biomass, ethanol and the myriad of other sources being investigated, we can become energy independent.**

**The war on terror is another piece of the national security puzzle. The failure of a defensive posture against terrorism can be no more evident than on September 11, 2001. After enduring attacks on our interests for more than 20 years by terrorist organizations, 9/11 changed our policy. We must continue to work with our allies and take this very real war on terror to the homeland of those who support those terrorists. This is a war we dare not lose.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to our state:

# Legislative Candidates

## Senate District 21

**Bruce Burns, Republican  
Incumbent (Unopposed)  
Occupation: Self employed**

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Other:

Comments:

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Other:

Comments:

3. Would you sponsor legislation changing state law to require the election of members of the Wyoming Beef Council?

Yes.

No.

Comments:

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your district?

**Affordable housing and property taxes.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to our state:

# House District 29

Jerry Ikel, Republican

Occupation: Licensed Clinical Social Worker

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\_\_\_ Other:

Comments: **All of the above, I think, are appropriately on the table. It's striking a balance that's the main work demanding assiduous attention to make decisions accordingly.**

2. What do you see as the proper exercise of condemnation authority under eminent domain?

\_\_\_ Any proposed project that will increase employment and tax revenues is a beneficial public use. Condemnation, if necessary, is proper and should be expedited. **No!**

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who need property owned by another should have to negotiate until they reach agreement on compensation.

\_\_\_ Other:

Comments: **We can't avoid condemnation and use of eminent domain. One move we can take is to avoid the Kelo decision and another is to build negotiation more deeply into the process.**

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\_\_\_ Yes.

No.

Comments: **Maybe someone can tell me otherwise, but I don't see why appointment isn't adequate. (Guess I don't know what the dogs in this fight are.) (Poor analogy)**

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your district?

**Property tax relief, especially for senior citizens and others with low and fixed incomes whose property may be the bulk of assets.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to our state:

**Continued attention to permanent savings of state mineral revenue to protect the future of citizens beyond such rich mineral severance. As much as we're saving (e.g. PMTF) we're losing place against inflationary increase. Continuing to seriously address the network of problems associated with health care: Hi costs, low insurability, etc.**

# House District 30

Jack Landon Jr., Republican

Occupation: Landscape/horticulture consulting

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\_\_\_ Other:

Comments:

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\_\_\_ Other:

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\_\_\_ Yes.

\_\_\_ No.

Comments: **Not familiar with this issue.**

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your district?

**Many — Safety, education, transportation.**

**— Strategies to increase wealth & wellbeing of citizens.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to our state:

# House District 32

**Timothy Patrick Hallinan, Republican**

**Occupation: Physician, own ranch near New Haven for 15 years**

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Other

Comments: **Revenue generated in excess of REAL needs must either be returned to the citizens in the form of tax cuts or saved for future generations inviolate.**

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Other: **Private property should NEVER be condemned for non-public development. Condemnation for public use should be last resort. Initial attempt at locating and attracting willing sellers should always be first attempted.**

Comments:

3. Would you sponsor legislation changing state law to require the election of members of the Wyoming Beef Council?

Yes.

No.

Comments:

**If that is what the majority of producers want.**

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your district?

**1. Drug abuse, addiction**

**2. Management of the current boom cycle.**

**3. Housing and facilities for construction workers and new residents.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to our state:

**A major, perhaps the major, issue for the state is the development of a reasonable timetable for the PLANNED exploitation of our mineral wealth. Neither overly rapid nor excellively slow development is in the best interest of today's or future Wyoming citizens.**

# House District 40

**Michael K. Madden, Republican**

**Occupation: Economist**

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Other:

Comments:

**My position is that economic development should be taking place, but all third party impacts MUST be mitigated.**

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Other:

Comments:

3. Would you sponsor legislation changing state law to require the election of members of the Wyoming Beef Council?

Yes.

No.

Comments: **Maybe. If I see a consensus among all producers I would consider such a measure.**

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your district?

**CBM impacts, associated property appreciation, loss of agricultural base.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to our state:

# House District 51

Rosie Berger, Republican

## Occupation: Legislator

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Other:

Comments: **The State needs to be involved in all energy development and managing growth.**

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Other:

Comments:

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Yes.

No.

Comments: **I would like to see why the changes are needed before giving my support or non-support to the issue.**

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your district?

**Dealing with the financial impacts of energy development.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to our state: **We need to protect private property rights, open space, and the rights of our existing landowners.**

# House District 52

Sue Wallis, Republican

## Occupation: Rancher-Coal Mining (health, safety and environment)

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Other:

Comments: **I like the term "sustainable development," the concept that a good regulatory and low tax business environment that encourages private enterprise is balanced carefully with the protection of property rights, environment, etc.—always keeping the long-term benefits in mind.**

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Other:

Comments: **I am particularly appalled by the avoidance of public land and the incentives in the system toward condemning private land. Public land should always be used for public benefit purposes.**

3. Would you sponsor legislation changing state law to require the election of members of the Wyoming Beef Council?

Yes.

No.

Comments: **I'm not sure about this. I need more info.**

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your district?

**Property rights. Protection of our constitutional liberties.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to our state:

**A good balance between development, agriculture and the environment is imperative. As a fourth-generation rancher (on both sides), with more than 10 years experience in surface coal mining, and with past experience in (and a husband currently working in) the oil and gas industry, I believe I am uniquely qualified to address these issues.**

# Campbell County Commission

## Dan Coolidge, Republican Occupation: Oil & Gas Producer

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Other:

Comments:

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Other:

Comments:

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your county?

**Managing growth, ensuring core infrastructure needs are met.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to your county:

**As our community continues to experience rapid growth, Dan can provide leadership that ensures core infrastructure needs are met, not only currently, but well into the future. As a businessman, Dan is a strong advocate of fiscal responsibility, recognizing that it doesn't always mean how much we spend, but spending it wisely so it will not have to be done again in the near future. Often, we can fall into the trap of not seeing the forest for the trees. A good example of this is the pending construction projects. The new main fire station and the Complex both were delayed significantly, which caused the overall cost to increase dramatically. Dan also feels that there is currently too much micro-managing going on in the county government. He feels that the department heads and boards, whether elected, appointed or hired, should be allowed to do their job. The commissioner's function should be to provide leadership and direction and remove themselves from the day to day operations and decision making. The commissioner's role is one of leadership, not power.**

## Roy Edwards, Republican

### Occupation: Salesman at Farmers Co-op Ass'n

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Other:

Comments:

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Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to your county:

**Meth drug problem.**

## Amir Sancher, Republican Occupation: Retired Banker

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Other:

Comments:

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your county?

**Work Force, Housing, Expanding Infrastructure to meet future needs.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to your county:

**Using EXISTING RESOURCES to do better job of controlling DUST—2% is not enough! Drug Rehab. Center—Get these people treated—put them back to work.**

# Johnson County Commission

## Gerald E. Fink, Republican

### Occupation: Former Extension Agent- Semi-retired, Ag-commercial Lender

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Other:

Comments: **Johnson County has a huge back log of infrastructure needs—County government operates out of a 120 year old building that no longer meets the needs.**

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Other:

Comments: **I am almost on the side of "never be condemned or taken", however, there could be circumstances where it is needed, but it should not be easy.**

3. What do you see as the county's role in implementing comprehensive land-use planning and zoning programs?

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and public procedure, is important for the future of our county.

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your county?

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**Responding to the need for expanding services, i.e. facilities for County Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer and the Court System plus other county offices brought on by a growing population & Industrial Development. Public safety in terms of law enforcement & detention facility and the ability to improve & maintain roads in response to increased use.**

Other:

Comments: **This is a very difficult issue in terms of a plan that will give direction to growth, but not unfairly or arbitrarily impact private property values.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to your county:

## "Smokey" Wildeman, Republican Occupation: Sales Manager – Big Horn Mountain Radio

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Comments:

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Other:

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your county?

**With the energy development we need to utilize the increased revenues to enhance our infrastructure.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to your county:

**To protect our property rights with modest planning and zoning to protect all our property owners. We need to work closely with agriculture & energy development.**

# Park County Commission

**Marie Fontaine, Republican**

**Occupation: Retired**

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Other:

Comments:

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Other:

Comments:

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Other:

Comments:

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your county?  
**Inadequate zoning & subdivision regulations for the development we're experiencing.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to your county:

**Funding from the state to help with rising costs to maintain or improve county roads & set up an emergency fund to help replace bridges with matching funds. Bridge would need to be "high use" & a high priority.**

## Jill Shockley Siggins, Republican Occupation: Ranching/Furniture Manufacture

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Other: **Exceptions: water projects, i.e. dams, or major benefit to**

public

Comments:

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Other:

Comments:

What do you think is the most pressing issue facing your county?

**[Candidate crossed out "county" and substituted "world"] Growth, Water, Drought, Healthy Forests, Steady revenues, Healthy Communities.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to your county:

## Sheridan County Commission

### Steve Maier, Republican Occupation: Retired College President/Consultant

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Other:

Comments: **Both are important - Listen, Learn, Plan, (act) Manage, Evaluate, Plan**

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Other:

Comments: **Condemnation must be a "last resort" and the public benefits must be obvious.**

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Comments: **An ongoing planning process - with clear objectives; done in public, involving the public; communicated broadly; evaluated and updated regularly is needed now more than ever.**

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**Managing development while providing basic services.**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to your county:

**Bob Rolston, Republican**  
**Occupation: Retired Association Manager – Cattle Buyer**

1. What do you see as county government's main role in balancing energy development and traditional uses of the land?

Using additional revenues to prepare for continued population growth and resulting service needs.

Planning and overseeing growth to minimize adverse impacts on existing residents.

Making sure developers know our county is "open for business" and offering incentives to lure them here.

Other:

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**Managing the growth and developing infrastructure to meet demands of and for the future**

Additional comments on these or other issues you see as most important to your county:

**We must face the fact that growth in this area is inevitable. It is going to be the task of leaders, be they elected, appointed, or voluntary to see that this growth is managed sensibly and to meet the needs of landowners, developers, and the general population. We need to be able to sit across the table from each other and explore and come up with solutions that are in the best interests of all concerned.**

**This will not be an easy task, but there doesn't have to be winners and losers. With careful, thoughtful planning and implementation differences can be worked out.**

**I do not profess to have the answers to all of the questions that will come up, but I pledge to look into each matter with all of the energy it takes to work through this complex process.**

2. What do you see as the proper exercise of condemnation authority under eminent domain?

Any proposed project that will increase employment and tax revenues is a beneficial public use. Condemnation, if necessary, is proper and should be expedited.

Public and private condemnation actions should be used only as a last resort, and only when the project for which the actions are taken can show clear public benefits with the least private harm.

Private property should never be condemned and taken. Developers who need property owned by another should have to negotiate until they reach agreement on compensation.

Other:

Comments:

3. What do you see as the county's role in implementing comprehensive land-use planning and zoning programs?