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## Grouse kept off federal listing



A male sage grouse fights for the attention of a female southwest of Rawlins in May 2008. Federal officials announced Tuesday the greater sage grouse would not be listed under the Endangered Species Act. Rawlins Daily Times/Jerret Rafferty

### MEAD: DECISION TO LIST THE BIRD WOULD HAVE COST THOUSANDS OF JOBS.

By Trevor Brown  
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CHEYENNE – State leaders and energy firms across the West breathed a sigh of relief Tuesday with the news that the greater sage grouse will not be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

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The long-awaited announcement from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service means the federal government won't put in place unprecedented regulations to protect the small, chicken-like bird on large parts of Wyoming and 10 other western states.

Gov. Matt Mead, wearing a silver sage grouse pin on his lapel during a news conference Tuesday, said

this would have had sweeping consequences for Wyoming.

He said new restrictions on energy development, ranching and other human activity would have cost the state billions of dollars and thousands of jobs.

"By not having this listed, we are going to continue to have robust oil, gas and mineral development and continue to have the (agriculture) we have in Wyoming," he said.

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## Delegation: Cut funds for Planned Parenthood

By Laura Hancock  
Casper Star-Tribune

CASPER – Wyoming's U.S. senators are likely to support legislation this week to defund Planned Parenthood, which could lead to a partial government shutdown.

On Friday, Wyoming's sole member of Congress, U.S. Rep. Cynthia Lummis, voted on a bill, which she co-sponsored, to defund the group.

All members of Wyoming's delegation are Republicans. Conservatives have been pushing to defund Planned Parenthood following the disclosure of secretly recorded videos in which the organization's officials are shown discussing how they acquire fetal parts for medical research.

Measures to defund Planned Parenthood have been part of spending legislation that must pass by the month's end.

Defunding Planned Parenthood legislation faces a certain veto from President Barack Obama, raising the prospect of a partial govern-

ment shutdown like the one two years ago in a similar struggle over the health-care law.

"There's nothing principled about the idea of another government shutdown," the president said in his weekend radio address.

A shutdown could imperil the GOP's White House ambitions.

But the effort to defund Planned Parenthood is being led by presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and tea party members who have wreaked havoc with the leadership in the past.

Wyoming's senior U.S. senator, Mike Enzi, doesn't usually discuss beforehand how he will vote on bills. But his spokesman, Max D'Onofrio, said he was a co-sponsor of a bill in the Senate that would defund the organization and give the money to other providers of women's health services. The bill was filibustered by Senate Democrats in August, D'Onofrio said.

"Senator Enzi hopes a government shutdown can be avoided," D'Onofrio said. "This is another problem with a (continuing resolution) or omnibus bill."

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK POISED TO BREAK VISITOR RECORD

Rocky Mountain National Park is on pace to break last year's annual visitor record.

The Coloradoan reports that the park has attracted 2.9 million visitors through August, which is an increase of 20 percent over the same period last year. The park is on pace to draw more than 4.1 million visitors this year.

Last year the park saw a record-breaking 3.4 million visitors.

Park officials say they expect to break the record in September, which is their busiest month due to the aspens changing colors and the elk mating season, which draws many visitors.



## Grandma upset that pet ducks could bring \$300 "no fowl" fine

A Pennsylvania woman is crying "fowl" over a local ordinance that could cost her \$300 in daily fines for keeping two ducks she bought as pets for her granddaughter. Jodi Gavin-Fedor tells KDKA-TV she keeps the ducks named "Lucy" and "Ricky" in a fenced-in section of her yard in the borough of Manor. The birds live in a pen at night and use a wading pool during the day.

But she says a borough zoning official told her the ducks would have to go or she would face a \$300 daily fine.

Gavin-Fedor says her request for a zoning exemption was denied. She says that's unfair because another neighbor keeps 15 chickens and five ducks.

Borough Councilman Bruce Hartman Jr. says, "I feel for the lady" but that she should have checked the ordinance first.

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Colorado Cash 5: 2, 7, 24, 27, 30

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