



**STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Order 2021-01

**ORDER TO EVALUATE ALL LAWFUL STATE POWERS AND TOOLS TO
CHALLENGE ANY FEDERAL ACTION TO SUSPEND OIL AND GAS LEASES**

WHEREAS, Wyoming contains vast natural resources that in turn provide the raw materials for the production of energy; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming produces energy to the benefit of consumers across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the energy industry provides millions of dollars in tax and other revenues annually to the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, much of that energy is produced from Federal lands and federally owned mineral rights, including oil and natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government owns almost half of the surface and subsurface within the State of Wyoming, and

WHEREAS, Federal decisions banning the production of energy drastically affects the economy and livelihoods of thousands of Wyoming residents, and

WHEREAS, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., signed Executive Order No. 13990 requiring the Secretary of the Interior to unilaterally stop all Federal leasing of oil and gas resources in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, such action will cause immediate and considerable harm to the State of Wyoming, including to the critical services upon which Wyoming residents depend.

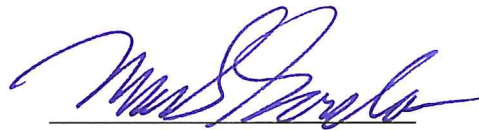
NOW THEREFORE, I Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of Wyoming, hereby direct all relevant state agencies to, within their respective duties and authorities:

- a. Evaluate the economic and financial effects of the President's Executive Order No. 13990 upon their prospective budgets;
- b. Evaluate the estimated effect of the President's Executive Order No. 13990 on the production of oil and gas and related jobs within the State of Wyoming;
- c. Coordinate with my Office to identify all lawful powers and tools to challenge any federal action proposed to enforce the President's Executive Order No. 13990; and
- d. Identify possible future litigation, notice and comment opportunities and any other lawful means to prevent federal overreach taken under the President's Executive Order No. 13990 and to protect and preserve the strength, vitality, and independence of Wyoming's energy industry.

Be it further ordered, this Executive Order shall supersede all previous orders in conflict or inconsistent with its terms and shall remain in effect and full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded or superseded by the governor.

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 29th day of January 2021.



Mark Gordon
Governor