

Mid-Term State Election Updates: Wyoming

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The political landscape for the oil and gas industry in Wyoming remains largely unchanged. The Republican Party retained control of the state legislature and the Governor's office. Outgoing state treasurer and now Governor-elect <u>Mark Gordon</u> is very supportive of a robust oil and gas industry in Wyoming, and <u>was supported by Mark Doelger</u>, the longest-serving member of the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (other than outgoing Governor Matt Mead). During his campaign, he <u>expressed interest</u> in maintaining the status quo on wildlife issues that affect oil and gas development, like sage grouse. Additionally, as noted above, Colorado voters soundly rejected Proposition 112, which might have <u>boosted interest</u> in the Powder River Basin if it had passed.