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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SEIS authorizing the year around drilling within the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project Area. American consumers continue to pay higher gas prices, as consumers they have decreased their per capita consumption by 20% per person over the past decade but this is hidden due to population increases. In addition to hopefully a decreased demand the only way to maintain affordable prices is to increase the supply. The Pinedale Anticline is the second largest natural gas field in the United States; we have to allow these oil companies to recover as much of this energy as efficiently as possible not only to maintain affordable gas prices but to keep us less dependable on foreign energy which is a national security issue.

I have worked in the oil industry for over 30 years and have seen the impacts decisions have had on families and economies. As a manager of an oilfield service company stabilizing the activity year around would allow us to provide a much more stable work force in Western Wyoming; we would be able to employ permanent workers instead of temporary employees; we could provide services out of Pinedale instead of Rock Springs and Evanston. They could live in the area and work more efficiently instead of traveling up and down Hwy. 191 so often; the less our employees and the fewer new personnel are on the roads the safer our operation is. Year around drilling would also allow the oil companies to build their "Liquids Gathering System" which would eliminate trucks hauling water and condensate which would increase highway safety and reduce the impacts to wildlife.

For the reasons mentioned above please consider allowing these responsible oil companies to follow their plan which would give them the ability to drill year around in a limited area in the Pinedale Anticline.

Respectfully submitted,

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