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Mr. Anderson,

I am writing in support of the proposed cooperative plan put forth by the Operators for the Pinedale SEIS. I understand that it is a delicate balance between development and conservation. I have reviewed portions of the Mule Deer, Pronghorn and Sage Grouse Studies. Generally, the region seems to have reached stabilization in wildlife, at least as it can be monitored. As many anticipated, wildlife has made adjustments and accommodations to the development.

I believe that proposed plan creates a reasonable compromise between those competing interests. Over 90% of the area will remain untouched by development. In addition, the Operators will undertake active mitigation efforts that may actually improve existing habitat and wildlife populations. The air and water quality restrictions remain in effect and may even improve as the collection system and the implementation of CDA's potentially reduces the number of future drilling pads and the vehicular use of roads. These two factors alone should keep future disturbance at a minimum and help avoid increases in airborne particulate matter and erosion/runoff pollution.

The economic benefits of the plan to the state and local area will be obvious. The year-round operations will allow for a more orderly and considered approach that ultimately may reduce impact overall since it will not be such a mad scramble during "drilling season." Local areas can plan and expand more reasonably, since the localized numbers in the workforce can stabilize, along with the community infrastructure needed to house them. The Upper Green River Basin area is a state and national treasure of energy and wildlife and needs to proceed under a balanced development plan. The proposed industry plan, I believe, makes a great step forward in achieving the needed balance, with the opportunity for mid-course correction if needed.

As a side note, I do request that the development on or near the Wyoming Range be monitored carefully and that, in concert with the Forest Service, to ensure the National Forest areas are protected.

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