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Dear BLM Planners:

I find your Area management plan's proposal to dispose of hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands in Natrona, Platte, and Goshen counties deeply disturbing. Our nation's population is growing and it's pristine natural spaces, rapidly shrinking. The public lands you propose to open for energy development represent a vast parcel of Wyoming's pristine lands rich in undisturbed space, history, wildlife, and environmentally unique areas. I'm upset that the BLM, our nation's premier land steward, instead of taking the long view of standing to protect these treasures for all future generations, proposes a plan molded to energy industry's shortsighted desire for monetary wealth. As an educated individual. I cannot express in words how deeply hurtful I find the vision of this plan carried out in it current form implications.

Please, I ask that you amend the plan to carefully analyse what short- and long-term environmental, cultural, and recreational impacts would result from disposal of the these lands as currently proposed. Any lands found to be historically valuable; having recreational value; or found to be important to Wyoming's wildlife should be retained in public ownership for all future generations.

Thank you, and please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Dan O'Leary