



WYOMING AG-BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 299, Pine Bluffs, Wyoming 82082

April 1, 2007

Mr. Matt Anderson
Bureau of Land Management
Post Office Box 768
Pinedale, WY 82941

RE: Allow Expansion of Natural Gas Development in the Pinedale Anticline; Support Proposed Action Alternative (Alternative B)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

G-1
BI-25-1
 We strongly support conducting limited year-round drilling in concentrated areas to expand existing natural gas drilling and development operations in Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area. The federal government must allow for the expanded use of our nation's natural energy resources in order to reduce our reliance on foreign energy imports.

Consumers, industry and businesses throughout the nation are struggling with rising energy prices, tighter supplies and increased dependence on imports from politically unstable areas. This is particularly true of portions of our industry, fertilizer, where natural gas is the primary feedstock for nitrogen fertilizer production. Estimates conclude that the Anticline has enough gas to supply ten million homes annually for more than 30 years, making it the second largest gas field in the United States.

Further, domestic natural gas development in Pinedale will have a positive impact on the local and regional economy and spur strong economic growth because it will create a year-round workforce, provide a significant tax source for local communities and support Wyoming's business community. The estimated royalties of the area's natural gas reserves are \$4.1 billion, half of which would go to the State of Wyoming and the other half to the federal government over a period of 60 years.

With today's technology, this enhanced development can be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. Under the Proposed Action, 92% of the Anticline will be left undisturbed by natural gas development. There is a great need to develop this world-class clean burning energy resource in a way that reduces environmental impacts and increases socio-economic benefits for the community.

PA-1
BI-25-2
 Alternative B of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project (DSEIS) offers the best option to safely and effectively access these resources. The DSEIS comprehensively identifies potential environmental and social impacts. The Proposed Action will balance resources and benefit the community around the Pinedale Anticline through its voluntary commitment to reduce air emissions by the use of Liquids Gathering Systems and Tier II rigs, support of ongoing wildlife research and focus on shared infrastructure development. I support its conclusion that all of the acreage included in the Proposed Action can be developed while protecting the environment, local communities and other economic interests.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Kennedy, Executive Director, email: agrimind@wyoming.com