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Subject Pinedale Anticline SEIS

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Dear Mr. Anderson,

I oppose the BLM's proposal for increased natural gas production in the Pinedale Anticline, in the magnificent Upper Green River Valley. The dramatic drilling expansion called for in the draft supplemental environmental impact statement is completely inappropriate for the area. An additional 4,400 wells would cause irreparable harm to wildlife habitat, greater air and water pollution and increased public health risks.

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 I am shocked that the BLM would consider finalizing this proposal before it has developed a new long-term management plan for the area. The Pinedale Anticline provides winter habitat for magnificent herds of pronghorn and mule deer, and a study has already shown that habitat damage caused by drilling contributed to a 46 percent decline in the local mule deer population. When combined with the recently approved Jonah Field infill, the proposed expansion is simply unacceptable.

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 If despite all this, drilling does go forward, the BLM should confine all new drilling and road building to the designated "concentrated development area," maintain all seasonal drilling restrictions and halt activity when established thresholds are breached. Any drilling that does occur must be required to use the cleanest drilling technology available, and no development should be allowed in new areas until previously developed areas have been fully reclaimed.

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 I urge the BLM to abandon the proposed expansion and consider a clean and sustainable energy future that includes full protection of wildlife habitat, clean air, clean water and rural community life.

Sincerely,