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Mr. Anderson,

I've always thought of BLM as stewards of those lands they monitor for us now & for generations to come. I realize now that was a false belief. Having moved here in 1999, retiring from Barrow, Alaska; this was my ideal town to retire. A home I could afford, welcoming town, fabric stores (very important) a safe haven for someone alone. I can walk anywhere with no fears other than Mrs. Bullwinkle & Yearling, drivers are courteous, and the openness of our area - You can see forever! I've enjoyed our rustic way of life, the traditional values, having deer & moose in my yard, even the rabbits! But in the past few years, changes & what was, is no longer.

I've gone on the Anticline area last summer. More people should!!! Reclamation! What's that - no one enforcing that idea for sure. Keeping an eye on the many wells / making sure rules are followed -

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area's cleaned up - only in our dreams - open pits - metal garbage in many places, dirt roads all over creation with no rhyme or reason - Just because it's sage Brush & Rocky soil doesn't mean it's gross & destroying it will make it better.

Common sense tells us what we destroy ends up in a circle of destruction. There are different kinds of life that depends on that area to survive. O.K. you've heard this too many times.

We've heard we are oil/gas gluttons - that Wyoming is A Boom/Bust state, that our realtors are on the way to a happy retirement, that business people are clapping their hands in Joy, that Mr. Bush is cracking the whip for more exploration, etc - but is it necessary, important to drill, drill & drill some more? Isn't "enough" Just enough? Can't we preserve for later years?

Last summer on the anticline I saw a dust storm, the area Just "yucky" Brown, that's going to increase - air quality goes down, We can't purchase clean air. Can BLM promise our underground H_2O won't be damaged?

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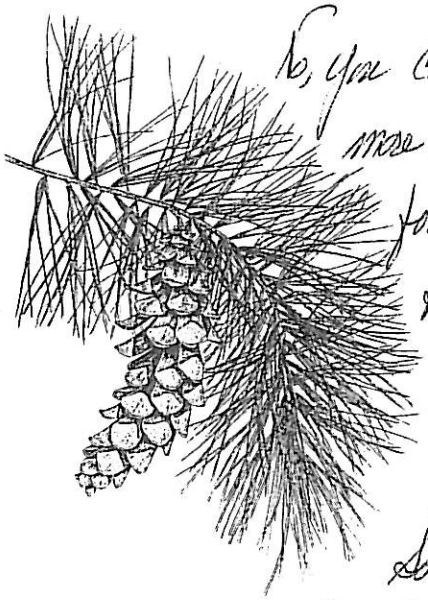

No, you can't. With increased housing more septic systems, more drilling for H_2O wells plus what oil & gas is doing - Scary.

Every small town has growth & changes now-a-days. So many people want to move elsewhere & leave cities where problems are numerous. Yes, we have EMT/ Medics/drugs to cope with, our Police Dept. stretched to it's limit, fire Dept also, what with 3 story structures & more housing - & Yes, these are not directly your problems - but if you plan on living here for retirement & would like to pass on to others "Peaceful, clean air, safe haven, available wildlife, clean & enough water for all", a place for children & grand-children to live & grow healthy - shouldn't BLM be more concerned about the future & its repo-cussions rather than the monetary Now?

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