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For 18 years I lived in Jackson, Wyoming, and worked there for the forest Service. During that time I hiked, backpacked and enjoyed the good air and water, the blue skies and pristine environment.

I am deeply concerned about the proposed increase of 4399 new wells on 12,278 acres in the Pinedale Anticline. Along with the increase in wells there would be winter drilling in crucial big game habitat. During a four year period mule deer population in this area fell and air quality diminished significantly.

For years the Bureau of Land Management has acknowledged that it failed to honor its commitments to track pollution in the Pinedale Anticline and Jonah Field that affects air quality and lake acidification in nearby wilderness areas. Tier II drills which are less harmful to the environment should be mandated. There must be a balance between expanding energy development while protecting valuable habitat and fragile ecosystems. Drilling for oil and gas should be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner to avoid further degradation of water and air quality.

Wyoming residents and visitors alike have seen the open space industrialized by massive oil fields. People from all walks of life, ranchers, hunters and all conservation groups are united in their desire to protect the land, water, wildlife and blue skies for now and future generations. It is the responsibility of the Bureau of Land Management to do that.

Yours sincerely,

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