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Bureau of Land Management
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Dear Mr. Anderson,

I would like to thank you and the BLM staff at the Pinedale Field Office for their hard work thus far on preparing the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Pinedale Anticline Project Area. The final decision on this project will be of important significance for the people of Pinedale and the state of Wyoming which is why I would like to urge you to support the proposal submitted by the operators, Alternative B.

Consumers and businesses throughout the United States are facing rising energy prices due to tighter supplies and dependence on imports. Responsible access to our nation's own clean-burning resources should be permitted in order to meet our growing energy need. According to studies, the Pinedale Anticline is the 2nd largest gas field in the nation. The operators' proposal will allow them to access twice as many wells on fewer pads and recover this much needed resource. Their proposal to operate with year-round access is the most effective for fully recovering the resource at a steady, managed pace.

In addition, year-round development allows the operators' to begin reclamation efforts earlier than they would be able under the No Action Alternative. I strongly believe that this development method is more beneficial for maintaining wildlife habitat and contributes to the stability of the wildlife herds on the Anticline.

Operations taking place during the winter season will be in limited concentrated development areas in the core of the Anticline leaving more contiguous blocks of habitat undisturbed. The concentrated development will require fewer roads leaving habitat corridors open for Pinedale's world-class big game herds.

The operators' proposal is the best solution for balancing our nation's need for energy and protecting the quality wildlife on the Anticline. In addition, a steady and predictable development pace will benefit the local community, creating a stable population and economy which will facilitate long-term planning efforts.

As a citizen of Wyoming and state representative, I believe that the government should be responsible and rule in favor of opportunities that are most beneficial to its entire people. Approval of Alternative B, presented in the PAPA SEIS, will assist an entire nation, create economic opportunity for the state of Wyoming and protect the outdoor interests and values most treasured by the people of the Town of Pinedale.

Sincerely,

Representative Monte Olsen

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