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Re: Pinedale Anticline SEIS – Public Comments

Responsible development of our oil and gas is something I support. That's why I'm asking you on behalf of myself and my constituents to approve the Pinedale Anticline SEIS Alternative B.

There are so many reasons why it is imperative that this field be developed that it's hard to know where to start. Utah is dead last in the country in per pupil spending. We rely heavily on economic development to raise the taxes our schools and teachers need. That is why steady production of low-cost, clean natural gas in Pinedale is important for attracting business and to help fund the education of Utah's children. Pinedale gas comes to Utah. If it didn't, Utah natural gas prices would be much higher.

With more national parks than any state but California, we elected Utah legislators are acutely aware of wild and scenic values of our lands. We respect them and strive to protect them. We also know that careful and effective oil and gas drilling, development and mitigation in many cases only serves to increase the wildlife. Surface damage can be restored to the point that after a decade most people can't find a disturbance. For example, here in Utah we have a spectacular vista from the Dead Horse Point State Park overlooking the red rock country that is famous for parks, photos and movies. Only a trained professional can find the three reclaimed drill sites that are directly in the field of view in the valley below. The same applies to Pinedale. This critical resource can and must be developed and will, in time, return to its natural state.

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I know you are faced with those that say that the area must be protected. I'm convinced that the Operators can do this with their already demonstrated regard for the land, the air and the wildlife. I'll be interested to see how the Operator's pioneering studies on sage grouse and deer turn out. All Americans will benefit from this research. I'm impressed that the Operator's are using state-of-the-art generators that don't run on diesel but instead use natural gas. This is truly an responsible clean air tactic. The Operator's use of flare-less completion techniques are now considered "best practices" in many parts of the country.

Speaking of the environment, what other field in Wyoming has had the same amount of land put aside for mitigation purposes as has the part of the Anticline that Questar operates? My understanding is that the land in mitigation is equivalent to the land Questar impacted on the Anticline.

I could go on. It is no surprise to me that Questar was recently named "Best Corporate Citizen" in Wyoming and is number five on the last News Week list of top 50 U.S. companies for trend setting, innovation and results.

I appreciate this opportunity to respond and feel it is vital to all Americans that the SEIS be approved.

Sincerely,

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