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RE: Support Operators' Long-Term Management Plan for Year-Round Access on the Pinedale Anticline

Dear Project Manager:

I strongly support conducting year-round development with proper mitigation components to expand access to valuable domestic natural gas in Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area. I believe the Pinedale operators have offered mitigation commitments that will responsibly balance resource development and the environment. The federal government must allow for the increased access to responsibly develop our nation's natural energy resources in order to reduce our reliance on foreign energy imports.

Allowing year-round access to these resources with appropriate mitigation and operational safe-guards, as outlined by the Pinedale operators, will improve energy security, diversify supply, enhance economic development, and generate local, state, and federal revenue. In addition, modern technology allows the development of this clean energy that protects the environment and reduces impacts on surrounding wildlife habitats.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Pinedale Anticline is the second largest gas field in the United States and has enough natural gas to supply 10 million homes annually for more than 30 years. Consumers, industry, and businesses are struggling with rising energy prices, which makes safe, environmentally responsible access to natural resources crucial to our economy's health.

Today's technology allows this proposed year-round development to be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. Under the operators' plan, roughly 92 percent of the Anticline will be left undisturbed by natural gas development. There is a great need to develop this world-class, clean burning energy resource in a way that reduces environmental impact and benefits the community.

Natural gas development in Pinedale will have a positive impact on the local and regional economy and spur strong economic growth by creating a year-round workforce, providing a significant tax source for local communities, and supporting Wyoming's business community. According to the BLM, the estimated royalties of the area's natural gas reserves are \$16 billion, half of which would go to the State of Wyoming and the other half to the federal government.

The Pinedale operators' proposal will balance resources on the Pinedale Anticline by combining year-round access with voluntary mitigation commitments that will benefit the environment and community. These commitments include use of a full-field Liquids Gathering System and use advanced rig engine emission reduction technology to protect air quality. A Mitigation and Monitoring Fund would be established to address mitigations to minimize impacts from energy development. Ten-year planning and annual meetings with BLM and appropriate state agencies will allow for proper community planning.

These commitments will balance resources and benefit the community while addressing the potential impacts identified in the RDSEIS. I support its conclusion that with these components, all of the acreage included in year-round access areas can be developed while protecting the environment, benefiting local communities, and advancing other economic interests.

Sincerely,

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