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Subject Comment on Pinedale Anticline Draft SEIS

Dear Mr. Hiner
The BLM needs to do more to protect the best wildlife habitat and air quality of the Upper Green River Basin in its final plan for the Pinedale Anticline.

Specifically,

G-1 FL-11-1 ? Oil and gas development should be concentrated where it is already occurring ? on the narrow crest only. No more than 250 total additional well pads should be drilled for the life of the project. The best available technology must be required to prevent further impacts to habitat or air quality.

W-1/LS-1 FL-11-2 ? No drilling should be allowed on the flanks of the anticline to preserve the best big game winter range and wildlife migration routes. Currently unleased lands, and areas where leases are about to expire, should be withdrawn from further leasing.

M-1/MO-1 FL-11-3 ? Changes in drilling operations and reducing the pace of development should be the primary responses required by the Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation Plan.

M-2 FL-11-4 ? Mitigation funds should be provided by the companies as soon as the final plan is approved rather than parsed out over many years.