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To BLM Decision Maker:

BLM research has shown that Pronghorn survival drops 25% when exposed to natural gas development. Mule deer populations have declined by about 50% in the Pinedale Anticline Project Area [PAPA] and natural gas development near sage grouse leks shows a similar impact on lek activity. These considerable impacts were made under BLM's resource protection alternative development plans.

Unmoved by this evidence, here comes the proponents with a new proposal to intensely develop the PAPA core throughout the year and leave the PAPA flanks largely undeveloped. This bone [not developing the flanks] is thrown to mitigate the effect of the intense development on wildlife. No science is given to support the speculation that the wildlife will use the flanks. Wildlife and the anticline co-evolved. Wildlife's instincts tell them that they should be in the PAPA to survive the winter or that they should migrate through the PAPA or breed in the PAPA. The assertion that wildlife can accommodate the proponents wishes simply because the PAPA is a world-class gas field is unsubstantiated.

I urge you to revisit the proponents proposal and attach the following stipulations.

1. The proponents have said they wish to be considered part of the local community and we welcome them. We wish them to sit down with us and draw up a list of community values, goals and specific objectives to reach those goals. I believe those values to be:
2. There shall be no-net-loss of wildlife in the PAPA
3. There shall be no further decline in local air-quality, local visibility or atmospheric deposition in class 1 areas. Any air quality standards that are in non-attainment shall be reversed.
4. There shall be no decline in the net primary productivity of the public lands.
5. An independent commission of wildlife biologists that have no monetary interest in the PAPA development shall administer a fund composed of proponent contributions that will address off-site mitigation. The goal of no-net-loss of wildlife shall be the adopted by the commission. The fund shall be on-going and structured to mitigate the problems that stem from the proponents activity.
6. An independent commission composed of local citizens shall administer a fund composed of proponent contributions that will address social and infrastructure needs of western Wyoming communities. Again, the fund shall be on-going and structured to mitigate social and infrastructure problems that result from the proponents activity.

The proponents wish to change the rules of the game. Their wells have come in better than expected and they stand to make billions in proceeds. I ask you to require the proponents to truly mitigate their impact. I think it only fair.

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