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Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

Casper Resource Management Plan Revision

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Dear Mr. Murkin:

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has reviewed the Areas of Critical Environmental Concern for the Bureau of Land Management Casper Resource Management Plan Revision. We offer **the** following comments for **your** consideration.

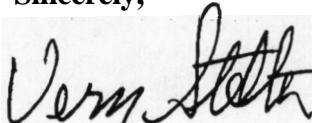
We support recognizing the North Platte River for special management considerations, and recommend the designation be extended to the Dave Johnson Power Plant. The reach contains Blue Ribbon waters of national importance to anglers, from Gray Reef **Dam** to the Dave Johnson Power Plant. In your August 8, 2006 letter (1610/Casper RMP), the proposal for **an** ACEC on the North Platte River Corridor met the relevance and importance criteria, and the nomination was carried forward as a potential ACEC in the RMP revision. We support the Trapper's Route Special Recreation Area Management Plan, but suggest the corridor deserves additional protection to insure the resource value is protected, thus allowing **the** resource to provide **and** support recreation. BLM land parcels CO0380 **and** CO0381 **are** important for public recreational opportunities that include, but are not limited to, fishing, waterfowl hunting, and boating (float trips), **and** would be valuable to be included in the ACEC.

• Mr. James K. Murkin
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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