

Rec'd
1-17-07

Jan. 15, 2007

Dave Clarendon
Box 13,
Banner, WY 82832

Environmental Quality Council
Hershler Building, Room 1714
122 W. 25th St.,
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Sirs,

I am writing you to regarding the need to implement the proposed rule changes to address CBM discharge water problems. I urge you to adopt these new rule changes.

I have the privilege to own property along the east fork of Wildcat Creek in eastern Sheridan County. I own about a mile and a half of creek bottom, some of which is deeply incised and some of which opens into broad meadows with some of the best grazing on the place. I have only two neighbors upstream from me on this drainage. The whole creek is lined with green ash trees. Since the drought started about 10 years ago, the creek has become intermittent and ephemeral, but I also have been monitoring water quality in it for this time at my own expense and my SAR values, indicating salinity, have averaged about 1, which is pretty clean water. Currently, my minerals are unleased, but my upstream neighbors have leased and have wells spudded in to hold these leases. They are currently not producing. My downstream neighbor is a large tract belonging to the Mormom Church, and they have lots of development occurring there. I have several CBM wells within a quarter mile of my north fence (downstream) that are currently producing about 1000 barrels of water a day, which as far as I can tell is being pumped into a porous reservoir in the bottom of Wildcat Creek. According to the WOGCC website, the SAR value of this water is around 60, well above the limits that will kill vegetation. My concern is that when production starts upstream from me, I will have saline water flowing through my place, rendering my creek bottom useless.

I have other property that is irrigated, and, as an irrigator, I know what damage even too much good quality water can do to soils here in an arid state like Wyoming. Salts leach to the surface and it is virtually impossible to restore productivity.

So, I urge you to implement these rule changes and maybe I will still have a place when the current boom is over. Thank you very much for your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,



Dave Clarendon