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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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TO: Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
RE: Powder River Basin Resource Council Rulemaking Petition

As a long-time rancher in the Powder River Basin, I am writing to express my support for the Powder River Basin Resource Council's petition, and to urge the Environmental Quality Council to implement rules that address the impacts of coalbed methane discharge water on downstream landowners.

Agriculture is the backbone of this state, and continues to support hundreds of ranch families, while coalbed methane is only here for the short term. Our livestock should not have to consume contaminated or unpure water that is full of salts and toxic chemicals, and ranchers should not have to treat their cattle for foot rot because the coalbed methane industry is allowed to dump water down all the draws and onto bottomlands ranchers use for grazing.

Please act immediately to safeguard our way of life and our income by implementing sound, intelligent management practices for CBM discharge water before the whole country is a wasteland of bogs and noxious weeds.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Virginia Purdy
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