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RE: Senate File 55 - Please Vote No

Hello,

It is alarming that there is a growing movement within the Legislative Body, which will, or could effectively shut down the development of the State's Coal Bed Methane development. The water produced by the CBM industry is not the great threat, which the anti environmental movement is trying to portray. It is a beneficial and useful by-product in the business ventures of the many CBM companies here in the state of Wyoming.

This water is put to good use as stock and wildlife water, fishing ponds, and irrigation needs. The technology is out there to treat the soils where land application of CBM water has been applied. The protein content of the hay and the yield has increased resulting in more revenue for the landowner and tax revenue for the State. Wildlife has adapted and thrived in and around the areas where water and feed has been made available to them. The sage grouse is not threatened by CBM. It is clear when there is no water, birds will move to where there is water and feed. The increased number of prey birds also affects the level of game birds. The anti movement will use any scare tactic to end an opportunity for the common individual to have and keep a good paying job resulting in the ability to raise a family.

The rules have been in a state of constant change resulting in never being able to plan with certainty the method of handling the CBM water. What is legal today may be a violation of a rule tomorrow passed by an individual who does not understand the science or the technology behind the water handling. It is not economical, to treat the CBM water to the levels, which is in the bill before the Legislation. The water does not harm the wildlife, streams or landscape, like that which the anti environmentalist portray.

Why would the State Legislation want to kill a gift horse and ruin the opportunity for individuals to raise their families and educate their kids in the Great State of Wyoming? CBM development has created jobs and taxes revenue, which in turn has built schools, roads, housing, service industries and job opportunities in and around the CBM play.

As a side note, look at the dramatic decline in the numbers of the Yellowstone Elk Herd. This is a direct result in the reintroduction of the wolf into the Yellowstone area. People who do not understand, or care about, the science and impacts of their actions or the end results pushed this upon the State of Wyoming.

Let's not repeat bad Legislation which cost the State of Wyoming, the opportunity to have and maintain sound businesses which in turn provide jobs and tax revenue for schools, roads, housing and other services to the residences of the state.

Thanks for your consideration,  
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