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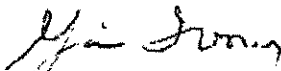
Regarding the Petition to Amend Wyoming Water Quality Rule, Chapter 2, Appendix H. I have lived in Wyoming and made a living with livestock in Wyoming. I know ranchers all over the state. I have never had a problem with water. I know many ranchers near mineral development. A friend who ranches from Rozet to Gillette said that the Belle Fouche River would not have had any water in it during this drought if it had not been for the water generated by the mineral development. He was grateful for it. I also know a rancher near Arvada who has told me for years that it has made his ranch better. He is working on a system to irrigate with it and is anxious to finish to project.

I think that it is interesting that the few ranchers that I have heard complain about it do not own the mineral rights for their property.

I know that everyone in the state benefit, either directly or indirectly, from minerals in Wyoming. I have seen how it hurt Cody when they stopped drilling here. Many like the fact that we have no state income tax, low property tax, good salaries in the schools and low college tuition. We can thank the minerals in Wyoming for all of this. All of our schools benefit but we certainly benefit financially because of the low cost for attending college in Wyoming. We also benefit because of no state income tax and also property.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,



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