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Dear Council,

Being a rancher on the Powder River south of Arvada, Wyoming has been easier now that the CBM has drilled some wells and is putting water into the tanks and then storing in pits. We lease a place plus I have a ranch of my own next door. My place is up off the Powder and the lease place is right on Powder River. I only had one old water well on my place and the rest was watered of run off into a reservoir. With the drought we have not had any run off for several years now and so have not be able to run cattle on my plac for the last 3 years. About a year ago the gas company drilled some CBM wells on me but didn't have much water, so they gave me the pipe, and I had to do the work and the digging and put a water line in from the new well they drilled me for the old one that quite. This fall we were able to put 120 head into pasture that we have not been into in 3 years on my own place.

My place is in the Fortafication Area on the BLM and they have a herd of Elk planted in there. Once in a while you use to see a few elk down on my place but not many, this fall we saw around 35 head and I filled my landowners permit on my own place. So I know for a fact the clk and deer have come to water.

The lease place has Powder River thru the middle so have water most the time but for 2 years the river totally dried up. At that time we used the CBM water to water the cows out of the Pits they have built on the River.

With a time of no hay growing and needing to feed, the money that has come from the CBM has made me able to buy the cake and hay I am in need of with out borrowing more than I can pay back.

I have been reading the changes the Powder River Basin Resource Council has asked you to put in the rules and do not believe they are to the benefit of the ranches in our area.

Thank You,



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