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RE: Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – PRBRC Revised Version WQD Chapter 2

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am writing to voice my concern with the recent petition by the PRBRC to amend Chapter 2 of the Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations. This proposed amendment, if adopted, would basically halt CBM development in the Powder River Basin. The negative result would be staggering to the local and state economy, and is unjustified.

The proposal is a very one-sided. The majority of surface owners with whom I have worked with over the past 4 years, while permitting federal (split estate) leases, are grateful for the CBNG produced water and the opportunities it offers them. I agree with the John Wagner's (DEQ-Administrator) January 5, 2007 comments and recommendation "that the proposed petition not be approved."

I've included an article by the Sheridan Press (May 25, 2006) about the Taylor Reservoir near Sheridan, which is used to store CBNG produced water. Through a joint effort with J.M. Huber Corporation (lease holder), the BLM (surface owner) and the Wyoming Game & Fish Department, the reservoir was stocked with rainbow trout and opened to the public for fishing. Also included is the BLM brochure about the reservoir and how to access it. This is a unique benefit to the public, which will cease if the new Barium discharge limit of .2 mg/l is adopted.

Thank you for considering my concerns to this petition.

Sincerely



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ENCLOSURES (2)

SHERIDAN PRESS MAY 25, 2006

Reservoir northeast of Sheridan a joint effort

By **Bill E. Wambeke**
Staff reporter

A new reservoir 10 miles northeast of Sheridan near Lower Prairie Dog Road is the result of teamwork from several entities.

Taylor Reservoir, the result of a joint effort by J.M. Huber Corp., Baker Energy, the Bureau of Land Management and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, was stocked with around 250 rainbow trout Wednesday by the G&F.

"People are excited about it," said Huber Operations Manager Bill DeLapp.

Huber and Baker, in their five-year development plans, called for making a public fishery, fed with water from coal-bed methane wells they operate. The land that was selected for the reservoir fit Huber and Baker's plans and could be kept as public access lands. The land the reservoir sits on remains BLM land.

"There's not a lot of public access lands," said John Vaselein, environmental specialist for Baker.

The plan for the reservoir was approved in 2003 after Baker and Huber had been in contact with the BLM about creating the reservoir. The 20-foot-deep reservoir was finished last fall and filled with water at that point. Water comes directly from CBM wells in the area and runoff.

"It was a win-win situation," said Chris Hanson, field manager

for the Buffalo Field Office of the BLM.

As the trout swam around their new home, those involved with the project took pride in their accomplishments.

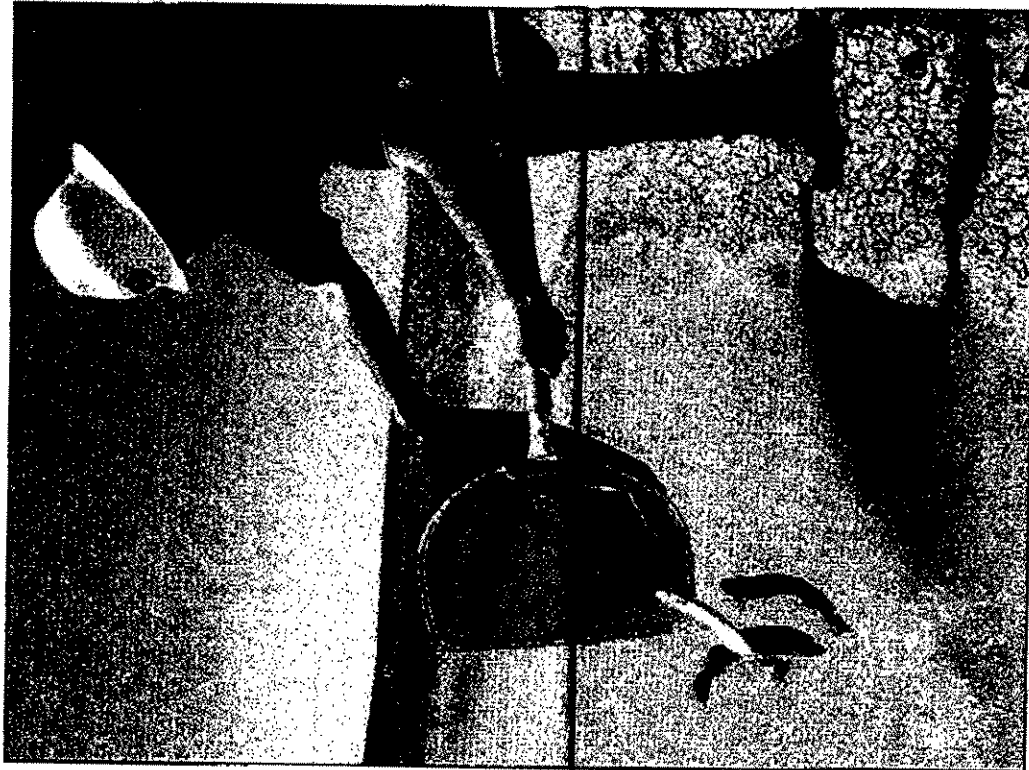
"The project flowed very well," DeLapp said.

While the reservoir has spartan settings, Hanson said that signage would be put up soon letting people know the reservoir is there. He also added that more grass and shrubs would be planted to give the reservoir a more natural surrounding. He added that as the BLM and the Game and Fish monitor how the original rainbow trout do, they might add other species of fish. Brad Hughes, fish culturist for the Sheridan Game and Fish office, who helped stock the fish, said the reservoir will be stocked once a year. He added that the stocked fish were from the Story Fish Hatchery and most of the 6- to 8-inch fish were a little over a year old.

Bud Stewart, Game and Fish coalbed natural gas fish and wildlife resources coordinator for northeast Wyoming, asked that fishermen and others who use the new reservoir treat it with respect and clean up after themselves.

"These different entities worked together for the benefit of the public," Stewart said

For more information on the reservoir, contact the Sheridan Game and Fish office at 672-7418.



Courtesy photo

Bill DeLapp, operations manager for J.M. Huber Corp., releases rainbow trout into Taylor Reservoir on Wednesday afternoon. Around 250 trout were stocked in the new reservoir.

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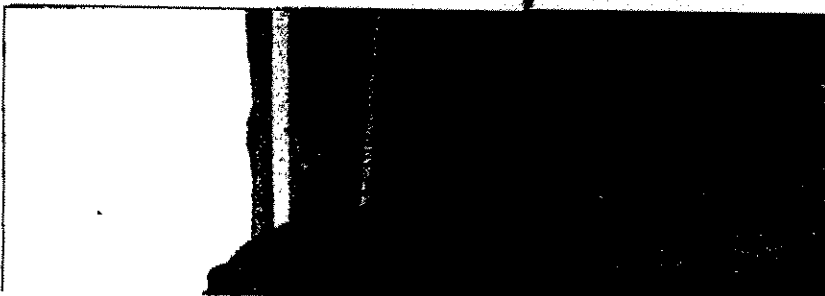
Memorial Day weekend should be adequate to safely launch

Area bird count tallies 108 species

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9-pound, 27-inch brown trout caught the fish using equipment at the lake. Lake Schumacher said, "I have seen in the past and not any I have seen in a couple

Taylor Fishing Pond

TAYLOR FISHING POND

The Taylor fishing pond is a cooperative recreational fishing area developed by the Buffalo Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, Huber - Natural Resources and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

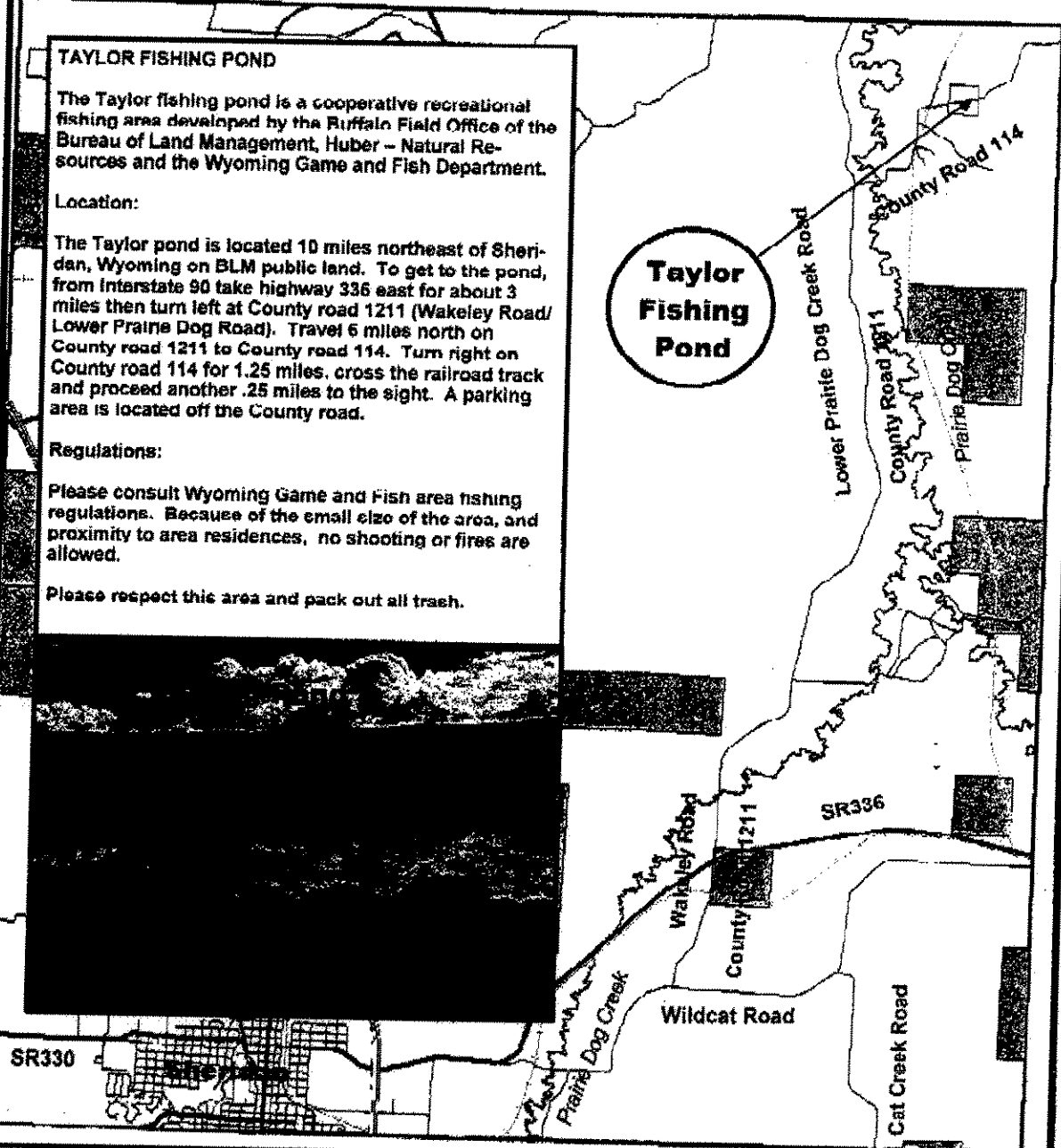
Location:

The Taylor pond is located 10 miles northeast of Sheridan, Wyoming on BLM public land. To get to the pond, from Interstate 90 take highway 336 east for about 3 miles then turn left at County road 1211 (Wakeley Road/ Lower Prairie Dog Road). Travel 6 miles north on County road 1211 to County road 114. Turn right on County road 114 for 1.25 miles. cross the railroad track and proceed another .25 miles to the sight. A parking area is located off the County road.

Regulations:

Please consult Wyoming Game and Fish area fishing regulations. Because of the small size of the area, and proximity to area residences, no shooting or fires are allowed.

Please respect this area and pack out all trash.



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	State Land		State Highway
	Private Land		Roads
			Streams

