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My name is Josh Pedersen, I'm a 26 year resident of Gillette Wyoming, and work for Consolidated Oil well LLC. The rulemaking will in not so many words end all activity in the CBM. I personally appose this the change of the of the water ruling. The change in the rule will end many jobs in the Powder River Basin.

I understand that some indivauls have a problem with the water quality but also have helped many landowners with caring for their live stock. This change is not a fix to the problem, and every body will be afected in one way or another.

We as people need to also look at the amount of money that the CBM brings into Wyoming. We can not rely on just one source of income like the coalmines or the oil companies to provide. The people want too many thing for our community for one or two industry's to pay for.

Why would you want to change the water rule if it is already stricter than any other. If we can't discharge the water the reservoirs will dry up then cattle and the wildlife will suffer because of the dry conditions in the state. If you look around look at the numbers in game animals also in the populations of migratory birds. The water is helping them if they were harmed by this then maybe we should do something but it's not.

In closing I thank you for the opportunity to be heard and think if the change is made we all will be impacted hugely as a whole

Sincerely,

Josh Pedersen