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Mr. Mark Gordon, Chairman
Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
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RE: Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Basin Resource Council et al –
Revised Version – WQD Chapters 2

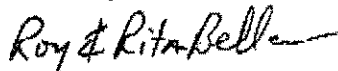
Dear Mr. Gordon,

As citizens of the State of Wyoming for over twenty-three years, Roy and Rita Bellew oppose the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Basin Resource Council et al – Revised Version – WQD Chapters 2. It is our understanding the petition would eliminate CBM water discharges. We strongly oppose any rulemaking of this sort. We continue to enjoy being invited to CBM-private ponds to monitor the stocked fish. The ponds adequate life appears productive with fish growth rate of six to eight inches four years ago to over eighteen inches with small heads and football shape bodies. This is a resource the State needs to take full advantage of.

We are fly-fisherman that practice catch and release. We enjoy Wyoming outdoors, and encourage sound environmental practices to protect what Wyoming has to offer. We have lived in the Powder River Basin for the last six years and encounters with wildlife are becoming more frequent. Example was this last weekend we took a joy-ride north of Gillette and counted over 200 deer and traveled less than thirty miles, seen numerous hawks and eagles, and encountered coyote and fox. Note, we did not mention antelope for there are too many to count. Another example is in the town of Gillette, last year the city put up "Goose Crossing" signs on Warlow Drive. It is quite an ordeal watching geese crossing the road with all their chicks, one of those special moments. Yes, we are very fortunate to live in Wyoming!

Thank you and the Environmental Quality Council for your work to protect the environment in Wyoming and for considering our opposition towards the Citizens Petition for Rulemaking. If we can be of any help to the EQC, please call (307)685-1240.

Sincerely,



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