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I own and operate a ranch 22 miles south of Gillette, I'm writing to you and the council to object to the petition to amend Wyoming water quality rule, chapter 2, appendix h. My ranch has had CBM water discharged across it and stored on it in ponds for 12 years. It has HELPED me to increase my herd by one third and is helping me put back some of my ground water that our seven year drought took away. Without this water I would be out of business. I distribute this water across my hay field in the spring to help with the rain I don't get to get my hay started. I've increased my hay production by 50%. I have a lot of deer and antelope on my ranch that also benefit from this water. The water has not caused any damage to my range land nor hay ground and in my opinion is of vital importance to Wyoming, we as ranchers have been able to graze longer in pastures that before CBM water were pulled out of by June due to the lack of water. PLEASE consider the views of the ranchers that use this water before ruling on this petition. I know Tooter, Bill, and Robert (Ranchers named in this petition) and they are the first to complain when their CBM land use checks are late also. In my opinion the more water that is produced the greater the benefit to the state land, the economy, stock, and wildlife there is.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

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