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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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Dear Mark:

This letter is coming from a landowner, rancher, coinsurer of the land, and presently working with a CBM company.

With this in mind I have viewed the CBM industry from all sides of the table as you have also. This industry along with all other industries, organizations, teaching staffs, political staff, so on and so forth are tied into the 80/20 rule. Eighty percent being the ones that enjoy our great state, take care of the lands within our state and want to see this state remain, somewhat, the same for our children and grandchildren. The twenty percent are the ones that don't care of the items mentioned above. They only care of producing an income to benefit them.

Unfortunately the 20 percent, as we know, have blackened the eye of the CBM industry, but as you and I also know, there are twenty percent of the business that claim to be making a living utilizing the land in the state, such as some ranchers, land developers, outfitters, etc. that are also abusing the lands within the state of Wyoming. Are these businesses going to be filtered and scrutinized like the CBM industry? If this water quality requirement is adopted I feel that one is pointing a finger at only one industry that can and will benefit the State of Wyoming for sometime. Not all businesses in the state, which also benefit from the use of the land, are having the same scrutiny.

Camino and Sons have land in the Powder River Basin. It is no secret that this land can be very, very dry most times of the year. I remember when my Granddad and Dad would state how nice it would be to have live running water for the livestock. Especially those years when we didn't have enough reservoirs water to maintain the livestock and had to depend on windmills. A windmill is only guaranteed to work until you are out of site; therefore we never really had a stable water source.

How far will the Wyoming DEQ go in taking away the rights of the surface owner? This is a possibility if these water requirements are passed. Ranchers may find themselves having to come up with other water sources for their livestock because their present water doesn't meet these stringent regulations. The DEQ may at some point say what is good for the CBM industry has to be effective for all folks, including the rancher.

We all have a vested interest in the state; some have longer vestments, such as the Camino's four generations of ranching. I feel that with reasonable recognition of water usage the state and its citizens can benefit from the CBM industry to help with the economy along with the utilization of "our" lands within this state.

Please consider these points in making a justified decision.

Dennis Camino
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