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Mr, Mark Gordon Chairman
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And

Mr. Bill DiRienzo
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Re: Proposed Section 20, Appendix H – Agricultural Use Protection

Dear Sir:

The proposed Appendix H will take away the much needed water for wildlife and livestock. If it wasn't for CBM water the past 7 years, all of our reservoirs would have been dry. This would have created another hardship to go along with the drought. The use of CBM water has been a blessing, to lose this use would be devastating to our operation. We feel this new rule would infringe on our property rights and take away our right to operate our ranch. Good stewardship of our ranch is top priority for us, and managing the use of the water to beneficial use for our cattle and the wildlife is just one of many tools we need to operate our ranch.

In summary we do oppose this proposed Section 20, Appendix H – Agricultural Use Protection. If it does pass our ranch will suffer along with Campbell County and the state of Wyoming.

Thank You.

