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Dear Mr. Gordon & Mr. Dirienzo

I oppose the proposal put before you known as Chapter 1, Section 20 aka the "Ag Use Protection Policy". It seems to me the only protection this offers to Agriculture lands and the associated stewards is similar to the protection an umbrella gives a water thirsty salt cedar tree in the desert. Literally taking available water from Ag lands is unacceptable as we plod our way into the seventh year of a drought.

I, like most Powder River Basin area citizens do not envy your position. The position you have been appointed to is a huge contentious responsibility. I only hope that you have the ability to weigh in on all points of view. I know you have heard economic impacts, social impacts, agriculture impacts, etc... As a council the redundancy of the comments must be almost numbing but please remember we are the silent majority. We are the working class middle man who puts in the 40 to 80 hour work week and we all just want to go home and enjoy our families; not fight the battles, one at a time, that help us assure we will have jobs at the end of your rulemaking decisions.

Thank you for suffering through yet one more letter. The decisions before you are not in fact "Ag Use Protection Policy" in reality it is "Ag Use Prevention" of produced water.

Happy Valentines Day,

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