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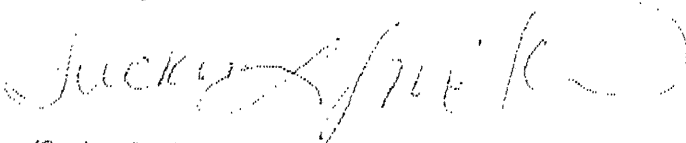
**RE: Proposed Section 20**

I am opposed to the proposed section 20 rule changes because it will cause great harm to the economy of the State of Wyoming. It will decrease career opportunities as well as have a long term effect on other jobs, such as real estate, that are not directly related to coal bed methane development.

The proposed section 20 wouldn't allow ranchers to use reservoirs they already have permitted to feed livestock. It will have a negative effect on their livelihood as well as cause major price increases in the cattle market as decreasing water supply would also decrease herd size. Many ranchers were able to continue production without having to file bankruptcy due to the positive effects of coal bed methane development.

Overall, proposed section 20 is extremely cost inefficient. It would hinder the economy, increase bankruptcy filings and lower the average income rate of Wyomingites.

Best Regards,



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