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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
Environmental Quality Council

Environmental Quality Council
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Dear Environmental Quality Council Members:

This letter is written in support of the merits of the Petition to designate the Sand Creek area as Very Rare or Uncommon. The Petition clearly explains the characteristics of the Sand Creek area that satisfy the criteria to support a Very Rare or Uncommon designation. As a local landowner, our family has significant interest in seeing the area protected from hard-rock surface mining to preserve Sand Creek's trout fishery and natural beauty, while allowing other uses such as grazing to continue. I ask the Council to recognize the merits of the Petition when it convenes on July 8 in Sundance.

We have owned property on Sand Creek for over 30 year and have a deep seeded respect for this unique and sensitive environment. Our group has spent thousands of dollars and hundreds of man hours on stream improvements and bank stabilization projects. Allowing any possibility of damage, caused by hard rock mining, to the environment or hydrology of this pristine area is just irresponsible.

If we don't protect Sand Creek who will?

Sincerely,



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