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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
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Environmental Quality Council
122 W 25th Street
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Dear Council Members

This letter is in support of the proposed Very Rare And Uncommon designation for the area considered in the up-coming hearing scheduled for July 8, 2010.

I have reviewed the issues surrounding the application, and would urge your support of the designation which is proposed. I serve as a member of the Reserve Veterinary Officer Corps for the Bureau of Animal Industry of South Dakota, and accordingly am very sympathetic to the concerns of the cattlemen. I do not see any conflict for the livestock producer as the designation would allow grazing, lumbering and other multiple use activities. I am a Wyoming land owner, and believe that the threat of hard rock mining would endanger water quality of the Madison Aquifer to such a negative effect that it deserves your action for protection. Also, I have been involved over many years, with the mitigation of harm done to trout streams in Montana, by hard rock mining through organizations like Trout Unlimited. This designation of Very Rare and Uncommon would be a means of protection of a class one stream, and possibly the source of water for a vast region, considering the extent of the Madison Aquifer. For this reason I suggest you consider seriously the proposal, which will be presented July 8.

Kindest regards,



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