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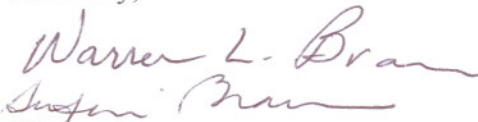
Environmental Quality Council  
122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Herchler Building, Room 1714  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Council Members:

This letter is in support of accepting the petition to designate the Sand Creek area in Crook County as Rare or Uncommon. We believe that the petition satisfies your standards for acceptance, as the first step to begin consideration of the area for the designation. As landowners in the Sand Creek area, we are very concerned about the effects of hard-rock surface mining on the water, having already witnessed problems in South Dakota. We live in an area where water is our most precious resource. Any damage to the Class 1 stream will impact the natural beauty of the area, as well as have a negative economic impact. We understand that the designation will not affect the use of the area by ranchers or foresters, whose use of public land we also support.

Please accept the petition on its merits during the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting in Sundance, and let us move on to the next step. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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