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June 9, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Biodiversity Conservation Alliance has identified you as holding an unpatented mining claim within the area commonly known as Sand Creek. The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) is notifying you that the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance has filed an amended petition to designate the area known as Sand Creek located in Crook County as rare or uncommon pursuant to Section 35-11-112 of the Environmental Quality Act. The EQC has scheduled a meeting on this amended petition for July 8, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the Crook County Court House, 308 Cleveland St., Sundance, WY. Anyone wishing to hear the discussion should plan on being at the meeting.

The scheduled meeting will address whether the EQC should move forward with the amended petition. It is not a hearing on whether the area should be designated. Please see Chapter VII, Section 6(b) of the DEQ Rules of Practice and Procedure. These rules are available through the EQC web site: http://eqc.state.wy.us and at the secretary of state's web site: http://www.soswy.state.wy.us.

If you have any questions please feel free to call our office at 777-7170. The amended petition can be viewed at the EQC's docket web site: http://eqc.state.wy.us and follow docket no. 09-1103 link.

Sincerely,

Jim Ruby Executive Secretary

JR/kw