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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary Environmental Quality Council

Environmental Quality Council 122 W 25th Street Herschler Building, Room 1714 Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Environmental Quality Council Members:

Please accept this letter 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, I have a 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.

Sincerely,