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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
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RE: ADOBE TOWN "VERY RARE OR UNCOMMON"

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed "Very Rare or Uncommon" designation for the area in the Red Desert known as "Adobe Town". I had the opportunity to hike in the proposed area this summer and I must say that I was very moved by the scenic beauty that is there.

The vastness and seemingly emptiness of Adobe Town hides it's beauty. From the pristine Grand Canyon-like views on the Skull Creek Rim to the towers and pinnacles of the Adobe Town Rim, this area just took my breath away. The beauty and serenity of Adobe Town are second to none in Wyoming or the Nation. It has it's own special beauty. I plan to continue to take more hikes in the area with my camera in hand to try to capture on film the area's beauty.

In addition to the scenic beauty of the countryside, the area is home to an array of wildlife as varied from horned toads to wild horses. Mule deer and antelope are truly home on the range there. Birds of prey from golden eagles to falcons perch on the rocky pinnacles and cliffs. I saw a lek of sage grouse whose rangeland is sadly being eroded by the encroaching search for gas.

As a human being, I must say that I am deeply saddened by the destruction of wildlife habitat and scars on the land that mankind is leaving in that desert in the search for gas. In the large land mass that is Wyoming, let's say "enough!" We must preserve some of the wild and scenic areas that are left here now before they are gone forever! I regret that due to work constraints I am unable to attend the hearings in Rock Springs. By this letter, I strongly urge you to give this area the designation that it deserves because it truly is "Very Rare and Uncommon"! Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,



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