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Gentlemen:

This letter sets forth my comments in favor of designating Adobe Town as Very Rare or Uncommon.

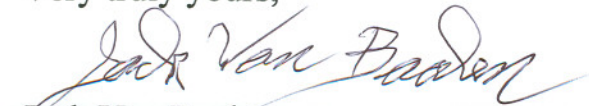
Adobe Town deserves/requires these designations for the following reasons:

1. It figures prominently in the reports of the 1869 Geological Exploration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Parallel. Among other things it has a history dating back 12,000 years. Perhaps this alone should be sufficient, but there are others.
2. It includes irreplaceable wildlife habitats.
3. It contains unique geological features including a thousand-foot-deep bed of volcanic ash deposited during eruptions in Yellowstone over 50 million years ago.
4. Geologic features of high scenic value are located along all of the high rims.

For all of these reasons as well as the relation of Adobe Town to the surrounding areas (The Haystacks, The Willow Creek Rim and Badlands, The Flats at the Base of The Skull Creek Rim and the Powder Rim) it is crucial that Adobe Town be preserved.

Beyond question Adobe Town qualifies as one of Wyoming's very rare and **uncommon areas** and fully deserves the requested protection.

Very truly yours,

  
Jack Van Baalen