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Environmental Quality Council 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street Herschler Building Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Re: Adobe Town Hearing for petition for "Very Rare or Uncommon" status

Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Council,

I am not able to attend your meeting in person; however I do wish to send a few comments to support the "Very Rare or Uncommon" petition status for Adobe Town.

You will most likely hear the many reasons to support this protection of Adobe Town including preservation of historical values, wildlife protection, and geological maintenance and keeping the scenic uniqueness safe for our future. There is ample scientific justification to protect this area.

The decision now seems to be one between perceived economic utilization over human experience. This is about our future generations who will not have a choice to have this land available. We have a choice. Economic utilization and benefit will be immediate, short term and finite and will leave permanent scars and change. For matters of emphasis, I would compare to an earthquake. Supporting the petition will protect the scenic, historic, wildlife and future experience of this beautiful land, for generations ahead of us and will be infinite, long-term and with a value that far exceeds the present immediate ones of mining. This area from the Haystacks to the Powder Rim, including approximately 180,000 acres, is a relatively small area that needs to be protected to remain free from mining activities. There are many places where mining can occur. There is only one Adobe Town.

Thank you for your work to consider this petition.

Sincerely,

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