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Environmental Quality Council
122 West 25th St.
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm writing to enter my comments in support of giving Adobe Town a "Very Rare or Uncommon" designation. Erik Molvar with the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance took me through the area while I was on assignment for a National Geographic Magazine story. We walked where no humans had set foot for thousands of years.

Its importance as wildlife habitat should not be overlooked as well. Mule deer and pronghorn antelope depend on it as a wintering range, mountain plover use it as a nesting ground, and sage grouse, which are increasingly rare, carry out their courtship displays in the area. It is amazing wilderness, but not for long if development is allowed to continue.

The scenery there is like nothing else in North America, as shown in the images below. The frame on the left was published in National Geographic Magazine in July, 2005.



I urge the council to give Adobe Town protection. It's a national treasure that simply can't be replaced.

Sincerely,

Joel Sartore
Freelance Photographer
National Geographic Magazine

