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Environmental Quality Council
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Dear Sirs:

I have become aware that the Council is holding a hearing regarding Adobe Town in a couple of days. It is my strong wish that you include these comments when making your decision on this important matter.

Through my life I have traveled extensively through our great country and visited the majority of the National Parks and Monuments, as well a numerous state parks. It took only a short visit to Adobe Town to convince me that this area of Wyoming is in desperate need of protection. The geology, scenery and wildlife would all be damaged or ruined forever by development.

When I stand on the Adobe Town Rim and look out across a forest of spires that stretches for miles I get a knot in the pit of my stomach at the thought of oil and gas development included in the view. This is truly a wonderful area which could be ruined by development. Are we so desperate for additional reserves of oil and gas that we have to ruin what may be the one of the top five natural scenic areas of Wyoming?

This area is part of the Red Desert and as such has a very harsh climate and a fragile ecosystem. This makes it a very difficult area to visit. This is both good and bad. It is good because limited visitation helps preserve the area and bad because it keeps people unaware of the real treasure that is there. The majority of people who visit are sportsmen and as one of them I am sure I speak for many when I urge you to provide protection for this area. The fact remains that any development generally has a negative impact on wildlife and I always am concerned that these impacts are underrated when compared to development.

In summery Adobe Town is not very well known by the average person and that in itself limits the number of people who would lend a voice for protection. This is a very important fact to consider when making a decision to protect this unique and beautiful area of Wyoming. Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Guy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Guy
Wyoming Resident and Sportsman