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Wyoming Environmental Quality Council 122 W. 25th St., Herschler Bldg., Rm 1714 Cheyenne, WY 82002

Subject: "Rare and Uncommon Designation", Adobe Town and adjacent areas, Docket No. 07-1101

Dear Council members,

The Wyoming Back Country Horsemen go on record to support the petition to classify Adobe Town and adjacent areas as "Rare and Uncommon". As an equine organization representing recreational horsemen here in Wyoming, we believe that preserving the Adobe Town area in its original state is in the best interest of both present and future generations of our citizens.

Without question, the Adobe Town area contains some of the most unique landscape in Wyoming. Other than on our national forests, it is one of the few areas where recreational users can travel for miles without encountering an established road. That feature alone in this day and age of motorized emphasis makes the area a special place. To compromise this "one of a kind" area by allowing for expanded gas and oil exploration would mean the loss of a natural feature that can never be replaced or repaired.

The Wyoming Back Country Horsemen believe that gas and oil is essential to the welfare of our state. However we also believe there are natural areas which, because of their special characteristics, are more valuable than the below ground resources and should not be developed. Therefore, we urge your approval of the petition to classify Adobe Town and the identified adjacent areas as "Rare and Uncommon".

Respectfully submitted,

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