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Environmental Quality Council 122 West 25th Street Herschler Bldg. Cheyenne, WY 82002

October 24, 2007

Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Council, A. Lorenzon, Director Council Terri A. Lorenzon, Director

As a person of faith and because of my interest in protecting Wyoming's special places, including Adobe Town, I am appealing to your conscience to protect its historical, geological, and scenic values by withdrawing these wilderness and native wildlife habitats from future oil and gas leasing. Out of respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, I believe that we are called to protect the pristine landscapes of our beautiful state so that future generations will be able to enjoy the same awe-inspiring vistas and abundant wildlife that we celebrate today.

We cannot afford to sell our souls or our landscape to money-making industrial ventures that would scar our environment and destroy the homes of native wildlife.

Therefore, on behalf of those who honor our landscape as sacred space, I ask that you disallow any further industrial activity with existing or planned oil and gas fields in the Adobe Town Wilderness.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Harvey M. Joyner, Jr.