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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council
October 22, 2007

Dear Sirs/Ms.,

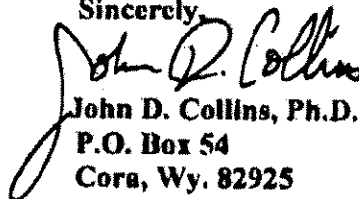
I have lived in Wyoming for thirty years and taught at Western Wyoming Community College for 26 years. I am now a Professor Emeritus at WWCC. As a former long term resident of southwestern Wyoming I know the area around Adobe Town well. I have spent many hours biking and taking in the strange beauty of this unique region. It still is a favorite spot for impressing visitors from out of state. Their reaction is always the same: "Why isn't this a national park or national monument?" My answer, too, is always the same: "Just be thankful they didn't discover oil or gas in Yellowstone before it was named a national park!"

The effort to designate Adobe Town and the surrounding area as officially "very rare or uncommon" is an opportunity for you, as representatives of the people of Wyoming, to stop some of the environmental carnage which our state has experienced in recent years. (As a current resident of the Pinedale area, believe me, I speak of this carnage with familiarity.)

In Pinedale, many of us have decided to draw a line at the Wyoming Range, and say "no more, enough sacrifice is enough." Adobe Town and the surrounding areas (the Haystacks; Willow Creek Rim and the nearby badlands; the flats at the base of the Skull Creek Rim; and Powder Rim) are parts of our geographical, historical and wildlife heritage which do not need to be surrendered to the interminable and wasteful energy appetite of this profligate nation. Enough is enough! The people of Wyoming have gained much financially from the recent energy development. The companies producing this energy have benefited even more. But enough is enough! Something must be left for our grandchildren—my first was born in mid-August 2007! When I take Silas Hahn Collins to visit Adobe Town 10 years from now I want him to experience the same feeling of awe that the members of the 1869 Geological Exploration of the 40th Parallel experienced. Please help us achieve this by declaring Adobe Town and the key unprotected areas outside the Wilderness Study Area as a region of "Very Rare or Uncommon" value.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


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