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Dear Council Members:

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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Court

I am writing in support of a "Very Rare or Uncommon" designation for the Adobe Town area in the Red Desert.

The Adobe Town area must be prioritized for conservation rather than for mining or other industrial use.

Drilling or other mining activity could do irreparable harm within this area. As a Wyoming native I believe preservation of areas such as this is necessary for wildlife habitat, recreation, and to maintain the natural beauty of our great state.

The archaeological sites within Adobe Town are unique and irreplaceable. The geologic formations within the area are unique as well, and provide a wonderful landscape from the existing Wilderness Study Area. Mining or other industrial activities could alter the landscape for many years to come or, perhaps, irreparably.

With these facts in mind, I urge you to designate the Adobe Town area as "Very Rare or Uncommon, affording greater protection to the area.

Very truly yours,

Jodi a. Darrough