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To Whom It May Concern:

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It is truly a pitiful moment in time when one has to try to convince the BLM (and its Board) monetarily supported by the people of this state and community) to preserve one of the most unique formations in the continental U. S.--Adobe Town, Wyoming.

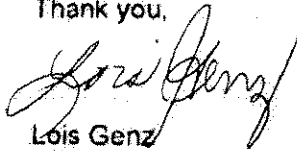
Having experienced the uniqueness of the geological structures and the archeological finds that exist in Adobe Town; I can only stand dumbfounded and ask: Why do you want to destroy this country? The historical value cannot be replaced by the few dollars that will be gained through mining. Nor will the country be "saved": there is not enough available resource to resolve the needs of America to justify the loss; so any argument that "this is good for America" is lost. I have seen the fossils of Adobe Town; I have seen the historical sites of the American Indians in this area; I have spent hours and walked miles within the area. All of this could be lost; and due to the geological age of Adobe Town, never "repaired" or replaced.

The oil and gas industry has effectively demonstrated the aftermath of heavy industry on the wildlife habitat. Simply contact Game and Fish to learn of the declining populations of elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, wild horses, sage chickens; eagles and falcons; to name just a few-- where exploration has occurred. Migratory patterns are disrupted; habitats are destroyed; and poaching is rampant. For further support, the BLM should contact the ranchers of the area to learn of the decrease in the number of calves; the loss of animals on the roads (hit by trucks travelling too fast or with total disregard). These are not fabrications; these are real events happening every day. At what point does one say, "enough is enough." As a child in Wyoming one of the "claims to fame" for the state: we have more wildlife than people in this state--no longer true.

Geologically, few are the places within the continental U. S. where one can visually see the formation of the earth; the original oceans and the fossils it left; the effect of the erosion (water, originally; volcanoes, and now the ever present wind); the beauty and history presented to us; we can see as well as touch. Why would anyone wish to disturb this? Some areas are true gifts from God and Adobe Town is one of them. Is it famous? Not necessarily, it is not a national park--a destination point with designated paths upon which to walk. Adobe Town is meant to be the true representation of the history of earth and mankind visible to all who wish to find natural formations without commercial enterprise.

Adobe Town does not have a zip code. Instead it has animals and birds and history. Adobe Town should not be "a playground for exploration". It is a gift; not a toy. Having attended one forum presented by BLM for the oil and gas industry I left with the distinct impression BLM was there to convince its audience that "the government was working for them." In approaching some of the speakers; I learned this: not one of them has worked with local historians; not one of them considered having a public forum for information; not one of them believed public input relevant. I also learned that they worked mostly from computer models; and destroyed part of the Cherokee Trail as they believed this "to be a dirt road". For the members of BLM this is your opportunity to listen to the people; and not create another atrocity in the Red Desert. You will not find the true value of Adobe Town on a computer model: you must drive it; walk it; and study its real gifts to mankind.

Thank you.



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