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Wyoming Environmental Quality Council
122 West 25th Street
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Re: Very Rare or Uncommon Petition for Adobe Town

Dear Council:

Having both visited and flown over the greater Adobe Town area, I have had the opportunity to see first hand how special the landscape truly is. I would have preferred to attend the hearing in person, in order to convey this in person, but since I cannot, I am writing to urge you to designate the Adobe Town area as Very Rare or Uncommon.

The incredible formations of Adobe Town, which are inspiring both from the ground and the air, meet the Council's criteria for both scenic and geological values. The raptors that I saw nesting in the area are just one of the many species that rely on the greater Adobe town area for habitat and are a reason that the area meets the Council's criteria for wildlife values. In addition to the evidence of cultures that used this area before ours, the Adobe Town area also provides an opportunities to retrace the steps of the Wild West, meeting the Council's criteria for historical, prehistorical and archaeological values.

Parts of the Adobe Town area are not formally protected or recognized for protection by the federal government (although I hope that they will be soon). The Very Rare or Uncommon designation can give more protection to areas such as the flats below Skull Creek Rim, which are an important part of the scenery and the remote experience. Powder Rim has stunning scenery, while also providing habitat for deer and elk. There are still more incredible formations and views in Willow Creek Rim and the Haystacks. The Environmental Quality Council can make a real difference for the way that these lands are managed and set an important standard for recognizing and protecting this unique area.

I hope that you will ensure that others can benefit from the many exceptional values of the Adobe Town area – enjoying its wilderness and wildlife and continuing to learn from the fossils and other records of our own culture. The Adobe Town area is truly very rare and uncommon; please make it an official designation. Thank you for considering my comments and protection of Adobe Town.

Sincerely yours,



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