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Environmental Quality Council
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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Wyoming Association of Churches to urge the designation of Adobe Town to be considered a "Very Rare and Uncommon Area." Several years ago we took the position that the Red Desert needed to be saved. This is indeed a rare and unique part of our state. It contains valuable archaeological and anthropological sites as well as unparalleled beauty of the landscape. Most importantly, it is an area that conveys great spiritual power, and it is for this reason we are so concerned about its protection.

We are very aware of the rush to develop this area for its energy resources. The whole state is undergoing this kind of pressure. With all of this development it makes it even more imperative that the last remaining sacred areas be protected. Adobe Town is certainly one of these. Having lived in the Dixon-Baggs area for a number of years I can attest to the fact that being in Adobe Town is like being nowhere else on earth. We urge you to do whatever you can to save this area from overzealous development and make Adobe Town into a "Very Rare and Uncommon Area".

Sincerely,

The Rev. Warren Murphy, Director
The Wyoming Association of Churches