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Subject: Adobe Town

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To Whom It May Concern:

I will plead with you, if necessary, to save the greater Adobe Town landscape by designating it Very Rare or Uncommon. It's unthinkable that you would not realize the importance of keeping this area intact & protected.

The area meets the criteria for "Very Rare or Uncommon" based on the following values:

--Historical, prehistorical, or archaeological - There is evidence of human habitation dating back 12,000 years, plus interesting history from Butch Cassidy's use of the area.

--Wildlife - The Haystacks and Powder Rim contain mule deer crucial winter range, while The Horseshoe to the south of The Haystacks contains substantial pronghorn crucial winter range. The rare mountain plover and raptors find nesting habitat and there are several sage grouse leks.

--Geological - There are palisades rising thousands of feet, as well as pillars, arches, multi-colored badlands and pedestals, all of which contain world-class fossil deposits.

--Scenic - Because of its stunning scenery, Adobe Town has been featured in several books (e.g., Wind River Wilderness, Wild Wyoming), and magazines (incl. National Geographic, Bugle, Wilderness Magazine, and Wyoming Wildlife). In addition to the high rims, the pristine flats below form the critically important scenic backdrop for the geological features.

The Very Rare or Uncommon designation is especially important to protect the flats below Skull Creek Rim, Powder Rim, the Haystacks, and the Willow Creek Rim and Badlands, which are outside the area that is currently protected from development as a Wilderness Study Area but boast beautiful formations, provide vital habitat, and hold important historical records.

Now that you have the facts, I'm sure you'll do the right thing & designate Adobe Town as Very Rare or Uncommon.

Sincerely,

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