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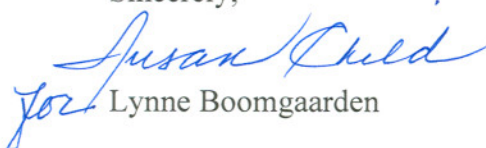
Dear Council:

Thank you for the notice of Biodiversity Conservation Alliance's petition to designate the area known as Adobe Town located in Sweetwater County as rare or uncommon pursuant to W.S. 35-11-112. We will be unable to attend the presentation on this petition scheduled for June 21, 2007 in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Our inability to attend should not be mistaken for disinterest.

The Office of State Lands and Investments manages a significant number of surface and mineral acres within the proposed boundary. The number of mineral acres, in particular, appears to be much greater than that identified in the petition. While we are in the process of determining the precise acreage and lease status, we are confident that much of this acreage already is under lease for oil and gas. A smaller amount of acreage is leased for uranium. Because my office and the Board of Land Commissioners are charged with managing these trust assets for short- and long-term returns to the beneficiaries, we are quite interested in any actions of the Environmental Quality Council that could impact development on state leases.

At this time, we encourage the Council to carefully and critically evaluate the nature and extent of the proposed designation. Should the Council decide to proceed to consider the petition, my Office will look forward to providing more substantive comment during the course of the scheduled hearing.

Sincerely,


Lynne Boomgaarden