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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Biodiversity Conservation Alliance has identified you as a surface or mineral owner within the area commonly known as Sand Creek. The Environmental Quality Council (EQC) is notifying you that the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance has filed a petition to designate the area known as Sand Creek located in Crook County as rare or uncommon pursuant to Section 35-11-112 of the Environmental Quality Act. The EQC has scheduled a meeting on this petition for July 14, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. The EQC has a meeting scheduled at the Crook County Court House, 308 Cleveland St., Sundance, WY. Anyone wishing to hear the discussion should plan on being at the meeting.

The scheduled meeting will address whether the EQC should move forward with the petition. It is not a hearing on whether the area should be designated. Please see Chapter VII, Section 6(b) of the DEQ Rules of Practice and Procedure. These rules are available through the EQC web site: www.deq.state.wy.us/eqc or the secretary of state's web site: <http://www.soswy.state.wy.us>.

If you have any questions please feel free to call our office at 777-7170. The petition can be viewed at the EQC's docket web site: [http://deq.state.wy.us/eqc/
docket.htm](http://deq.state.wy.us/eqc/docket.htm) and follow docket no. 09-1102 link.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Ruby".

Jim Ruby
Executive Secretary

JR/kw