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Moneta Divide oil and gas field pollutant discharge permit - WYPDES Permit Number WY0002062 (Aethon Energy)

This is an outrageous proposal, produced water and fracking waste water should NOT be allowed to be discharged into the Wind River/Boysen Res./Big Horn river. It is not only ridiculous to consider allowing Aethon to discharge more than 8 million gals/day for existing wells but sets a horrible precedent for the coming oil/gas boom on the Moneta divide. I can hardly believe we citizens have to tell you this, but that is a prime fishery class I river which your own regulations protect from industrial degradation! The water is used all along the Big Horn for irrigation and the reservoir is much used for recreation, water source and fishing. If Wyoming DEQ does not step up and require companies to solve this problem by purifying this water their own damn selves, it will be once again the tax-payers who will pay to clean the mess in coming decades. After treating the water it should be tested & if OK then released directly into the reservoir, not allowed down Alkalai or BadWater creek drainages. It is bad enough that the company tried to put this discharge into the Madison formation this plan B is equally short-sited. I read nothing about the potential costs to those fisheries, etc. in the application; nor about the company's responsibility to report what is in the produced water and then purify it before release. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS PERMIT!