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Don't Poison Boysen Reservoir. The Wind River is a class 1 river the highest level of protection available under Wyoming's environmental laws. The DEQ's own rules prohibit the degradation of water quality in Class 1 surface waters, yet the wastewater discharge the agency intends to permit would do exactly that. The DEQ's draft permit fails to discuss the potential negative social and economic impacts from the increased discharge to downstream communities. Impacts to the Wind River's blue ribbon fishery, the effect of increased salts on crops, or retrofits to Thermopolis' drinking water treatment facility could be substantial.