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To Whom It May Concern,

I am not really sure why I am even having to discuss this. Wyoming has been my home for 40 years and my family has always been active outdoors. We are very lucky in Wyoming to have the ability to enjoy the great outdoors in our own backyards. Our family has always made sure that the places we go are cleaner when we leave than when we got there. We will pick up trash anywhere we go to help our mountains and water ways maintain the beauty we have come to appreciate. I know we are not the only family that treats our lands this way. Unfortunately, this permit goes directly against everything we work so hard for. Wyoming is beautiful for a reason and that is because we fight to protect what we have. If we allow this company to "DUMP" here, and as far as I can tell there is a start date for these "dumpings" and no listed end date, we are opening the door for continued deterioration to our lands. In massive amounts this company, and likely others in the future, will be allowed to demolish the state we love.

As crazy as it seems that there is a requirement for public comment on this issue, I beg our DEQ to please not allow this. It is hard enough for our BLM and other forest service workers to keep this state and it's recreation areas beautiful and safe, to have to work against this also. Currently, Casper is working hard to increase revenues with tourism. I know Casper is not the only city and Natrona is not the only county attempting to increase the tourism rate to our state. How long will the ability to publicize the beauty of Wyoming to tourists last if we allow and condone the deterioration of our countryside?

Again I implore the DEQ and other powers that be to protect what we all hold so dear. I imagine that the companies now and later will continue to sedate us with environmental impact studies that confirm no harm to our way of life. I am afraid this we be too much like many other times that we find out after it is too late the true impact to our lands. If there is an opportunity to say no I believe that we, as Wyomingites, must say NO.

Finally, I remind each and everyone of us living in this state that is up to us to protect it. I thank Oil City News for printing the story and the link to this comment section, even though I can't believe that it is even a question. I hope the DEQ realizes there is really no option here to allow this discharge within our state. I understand there will be direct impact to the companies that will be required to find another option for the disposal of these "non toxic" solutions but I don't feel that this is our concern. These companies are in Wyoming because of the amount of opportunity we have for drilling but don't forget they are making money off of our state and very little is directly returned to our coffers. There should be no further responsibility for us to provide dumping sites for the fracking solutions and other discharge these companies create.

Please, please do not allow this permit to be approved.