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I am writing as a resident of Lander to present several concerns I have about the proposed discharge permit.

Namely, I am concerned with the potential ill effects of the proposed set-up for disposing of the produced water.

The proposed system of discharging the water directly into Alkali and Badwater Creeks would seriously damage the water quality in those streams to unacceptable levels for wildlife, and the system does not address the possible negative impacts on downstream communities. Although the claim by the Aethon-hired consultant is that the water quality would not be impaired, independent analysis by Wyoming Outdoor Council suggests that there are dangers not addressed by that analysis.

I would like to see the DEQ analyze other options for disposing of produced water from the Moneta Divide oil and gas field. If "surface discharge" of produced water is necessary, it should be purified first, then piped to Boysen Reservoir, not dumped into Alkali and Badwater Creeks, where the effects on fish and water quality could be felt for hundreds of miles downstream.

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