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8.27 million gallons per day translates into 25.37 acre feet per day flowing into Boysen assuming no net loss while flowing to the reservoir. In one year that calculates out to 9,260 acre feet of salty water entering Boysen and on into the Wind and Bighorn Rivers. Such a proposal should have been rejected on submission. This a a bad proposal. Consider:

Boysen is a very popular State Park and a quality fishery. I fish it summer and winter. People swim in it in summer, irrigate from it and is a source of potable water for drinking. Never knowingly pollute a source of drinking water!

the Wind River is a class 1 river and a Blue ribbon fishery. It is incumbent on the DEQ to maintain that quality.

There is far too much salt in that discharge water. If permitted, I think it will change the ecology of Boysen. If permitted, the salt in the discharge should be reduced to 220mg/liter or less to protect the aquatic ecology in Boysen. Tell Atheon "NO" to high levels of chloride that have been authorized in previous permits. It seems incumbent on Atheon to complete a full toxicity test on this discharge, disclose all chemicals, trade names and amounts of each in the discharge. No one can estimate possible effects unless Atheon does that.

Oil and Gas development and production has been very good to Wyoming but surely all of the professionals at DEQ know that Wyoming has paid an incalculable environmental price for that. Don't add Boysen Reservoir, the Wind and Bighorn Rivers to the price!

I urge you to reject this application.