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I am strongly opposed to Aethon Energy obtaining a discharge permit for the Moneta Divide proposal.

All produced water from oil and gas fields must be treated to remove all toxic contaminants before being dumped into Boysen Reservoir and its tributaries.

Downstream communities like Thermopolis and Worland, and private landowners all along the river, rely on clean river water for drinking, municipal, and agricultural water. It's not worth risking water and soil contamination and other impacts to our communities, agriculture, tourism industry, and recreational opportunities.

Fish and wildlife will suffer. The portion of the reservoir where Aethon wants to dump this produced water is prime sauger habitat and supports the species throughout the lake. Wind River Canyon is directly downstream from Boysen Reservoir, is a Class 1, blue ribbon trout fishery, and is prized for its recreational opportunities.