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While I am not a technical expert, as a life-long citizen of Wyoming I want to express general concern about allowing Aethon Energy to produce and dump more contaminated wastewater into Badwater and Alkali Creeks than they are currently allowed. Under their current permit, there is indication that Aethon is inadequately preventing levels of pollution and contamination from entering these waterways that is prohibited under their current permit. Allowing Aethon Energy to expand the Moneta Divide oil Filed by several times the current number of wells along with the corresponding increased production and dumping of contaminated wastewater seems to lead only to complete disaster for these waterways and others down-stream that may ultimately also be affected by this dumping (like Boyson Reservoir). Boyson and to some extent the waters that feed into it provides water for drinking, for agriculture, for wildlife and for recreation. It is very important that Aethon Energy's Moneta divide Oil field first be brought into compliance with existing limits on their pollution of these waters, and further that it be ensured that Aethon Energy and the Moneta Divide Oil Field not pollute these waterways any more than they are currently polluting them.