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Thank you for the opportunity to continue commenting on the Aethon proposal to release produced contaminants into the Wind River Drainage. I appreciate changes made to the initial permit and would like to re-emphasize that stronger measures are still needed.

Alkali & Badwater creeks are suffering from many, many years of allowing pollutants to be discharged into Boysen Reservoir from these creeks. Before you allow more discharge, the existing damage should be remediated. This seems obvious.

Your current proposal not only ignores this, but allows for another 4 years before requiring compliance with current discharges. This is unacceptable--why make a known problem worse? Concentrations of chloride and produced salts should be reduced now.

There should be limits in the permit for all identifiable pollutants from oil production (xylenes, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, etc.) not just salts.

Alkali and Badwater creeks have become impaired waters and should be so listed so their cleanup will be prioritized and any future discharges should be denied until that cleanup is accomplished. Please to not acquiesce to allowing industry to weaken regulatory designations nor increases in allowable chloride concentration.

The Wind River/Big Horn River is an iconic waterway in Wyoming. They draw people from all parts of the state & indeed the world for recreation, fishing and enjoyment of their beauty. We depend on you at DEQ to require industry to respect our real natural resources, not just those they extract for money! Thank you for your attention to this matter. --Maria Katherman