

# Karla Borders

To whom it may concern:

I feel it is necessary to put the word out, about a possible upcoming devastation to our community, county and great state of Wyoming. Wyoming is an energy dependent state!

I was born and raised in the Riverton area and have lived here for all of my 54 year life. I enjoy the outdoor life and all that Wyoming has to offer. If I felt there were things being done in the industry to ruin the future for generations to come, I would not be a part of it. The industry of today, are great environmental stewards. They are all abiding by already stringent standards to maintain our precious waters that we are all accustomed to.

Here is a tid bit of info. Moneta Divide has been producing oil, gas, and water since the late 1960's. This is not a new field by any means. Surface discharge has been there since day one.

So, is this the 1st permit limitation

in the state that could essentially shut down any extraction company from doing business that has surface discharge? I am strongly leaning towards, Yes. Most of you are probably unaware of the number of these permits that exist across the state, or even in just Fremont county. 3 of the major producers in the county, have surface discharge permits.

I do not have the numbers, but do know that the mineral industry provides tax dollars to keep the state alive. Without them, our education system would suffer, roads would get even worse, and I guarantee that you would not want to pay the additional taxes necessary to live here in what we know as "normal". Not only do we need to think about tax dollars, but incomes that are spent in our communities. The companies that support the industry and the businesses that provide services to the industry.

These discharge waters provide wildlife with necessity, that would normally not be there in the dry months of summer and the frozen months of winter. They also provide ranchers with water to keep the livestock healthy and thriving.

To the naysayers, oil and gas does in fact make the world go round! Without it, I'm sure you have seen or heard how your ancestors used to live. I would rather not revert to those days. If you are reading this, traveled today, left your warm house, put makeup on, consumed food, bought a rose.....you get the point, you are an oil and gas consumer!

Aethon is currently awaiting on two separate permit approvals. This one does NOT pertain to drilling the 4200 new wells. This one is solely to continue day to day operations. I strongly hope that you consider this viewpoint and stand with the energy industry on this one.

Thanks to you all,  
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