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I am writing this comment to voice my disapproval of the WDEQ's latest version of the Moneta Divide draft permit. It baffles me that a company could apply to further develop their asset, one that they have been producing from responsibly from the last several years, and not only be told no by the WDEQ, but then also have additional regulations put on their existing permit. That's like buying a house and halfway through paying it off the bank decides to double your mortgage. My family owns a business located along Badwater Creek, the Big Horn Divide & Wyoming Railroad. With current production this creek remains dry 10 months out of the year. Barely any water ever makes it to Boysen Reservoir! Under current production, water in the Wind River Canyon has remained a class I water source. When there is water in Badwater Creek we see wildlife depending on this water for survival. We have friends that have cattle ranches further up the creek that use this produced water to sustain their herds. It has been the perfect scenario of keeping our environment pristine, while at the same time benefiting wildlife and supporting our local economy and governments with good jobs and tax revenues. Not only is the WDEQ putting several of our citizens lively hoods in jeopardy, they will be also taking away a water source that many animals depend on.

And these new regulations, where is the WDEQ coming up with these? A sulfur limit is now required and so small it's impossible to test for? That is crazy! The Moneta field has consistently operated at chloride levels of 1900 mg/L and now all the sudden the WDEQ wants levels at 230 mg/L? Let's use some common sense here folks. There has to be a way the WDEQ can work with Aethon to help develop their asset while at the same time keeping our Wyoming lands and waters, that we all hold dear to our are heart, in great condition. History has shown that Aethon has been a responsible steward of our environment. Please WDEQ don't give in to the anti development agenda of a few, and continue to foster the responsible oil and gas development that the majority of Wyoming residents support. At the very least let Aethon go back to what is was doing before. Thank you