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I am writing this statement in support of RAMACO's Brook mine project and hope that the DEQ will give their approval. I believe this mine will help create a long-term economic advancement for the Sheridan area as well as the entire state of Wyoming. Carbon technology jobs like this represent one of Wyoming's leading future growth opportunities for quality jobs and is desperately needed, especially in the current uncertain economic atmosphere. Coal production has been a staple in the Wyoming economy and this project will help create high-value uses for coal. This in turn will create more lucrative opportunities for people to stay and work in Sheridan. As this project takes off, there is also the potential to draw in other research grants, national researchers and companies to create an innovation ecosystem. This will further add to the long-term boost to the local economy.

RAMACO has shown they want to take care with the environment and pledges to have the most thorough environmental and quality of life protections for any mining operation. They have addressed all types of past concerns of mines in the area from local community leaders and others to be as environmentally responsible as possible. I support this project to benefit local businesses, workers and local economic opportunities. - Patrick Henderson