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I feel obligated to express concerns with regard to granting this permit as there seems to have been insufficient evaluation of the environmental impacts of a proposed concrete and asphalt production facility. In an attempt to seek professional input, the Sublette County Conservation District was contacted on 9/4/24 only to find out that they were unaware that this permit/comment period was occurring. Which was quite surprising since it would seem pertinent that there should be air and water quality impacts assessed prior to initiating potential pollution sources. The Bondurant valley is surrounded by 8000+ ft. ridges, so it is common for us to witness a 'sea' of foggy/cool morning air settling in from where our residence overlooks it. Having managed lung diseases for 30+ years, I know that there would be respiratory impacts on residents of that valley with regard to the air quality changes created by the proposed production facilities. It would seem in public interests there ought to be some form of environmental impact evaluation regarding this issue prior to firing up a production plant.

The other obvious environmental impact is with regard to water quality. Allowing large fuel storage tanks as well as asphalt/concrete plant water discharge pits to be placed at the mountain bottom wetland confluence of Dell Creek, Jack Creek and the Hoback River (just upsteam of a canyon) seems to be a recipe for disaster that should be evaluated beforehand. Again, it would seem appropriate for a professional impact study to be conducted prior to what can only be interpreted as an inadequately evaluated permitting process. As the HRSID chairman in the post Roosevelt fire world, I am able to state that it was largely due to the NRCS's assessment of potential impact on water quality that we were able to receive federal assistance to help minimize impact on Hoback River drainage. Why should we not utilize resources available in an effort to help minimize environmental impacts of development having a negative impact on the pristine environment which we have to privilege to appreciate here in Wyoming?