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Dear Ms. Lorenzon:

In my continuing crusade to find some justice in the difficulty which has befallen Bessemer Bend, I plan to address each and every question. I fully believe that these questions have perhaps been asked before, but have never received a definitive answer.

I apologize, in advance, if the Council feels that I am frivolously wasting its time. I have received so many phone calls, from people all over Wyoming, complaining that mining and/or the 10 acre exemption has ruined their lives, that I would be the worst kind of coward if I did not speak out.

I contest the applicability of the 10 acre exemption to the proposed mine site on Bessemer Mountain.

My reasoning is as follows: there are merely three criteria necessary for the implementation of the 10 acre exemption. These are:

1. written permission of the surface owner.
2. notification of land quality division of the department of environmental quality of the location of the land to be mined before commencing operation.
3. filing of a reclamation bond.

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These are, as you can see, minimal criteria. In the case of the first criterion, the Land Commissioner argued that the written consent of the surface owner was not needed because the owner is the State of Wyoming, and giving the lease implied consent to mine.

However, the haul route has to be included in the 10 acres. The haul route is composed of approximately 5 acres of private ranch land. In order to obtain access to the haul route, Rissler/McMurray requested that a District Judge condemn the Snodgrass private property for the haul route. This was done. However, the District Judge never questioned the applicability of the 10 acre exemption to private land which had to be condemned to gain access to the site.

I believe that if the Rissler/McMurray Company is forced to go through the proper procedure to obtain a large scale mining permit, which is what they want, they will not be able to obtain same for all the reasons with which I have deluged the Council during the past year.

I, therefore, petition the Environmental Quality Council to decide whether, under the described circumstances, the 10 Acre Exemption is indeed applicable.

I look forward with bated breath to your decision.

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