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Environmental Quality Department
Land Quality Division
Equality State Bank Building
401 West 19th Street
Cheyenne, Wy. 82002

Gentlemen:

We would like to protest the granting of a mining permit to J. W. K. and T. Mining Company of Atlantic City, Wyoming in Section 11, T.29N., R.100W., NE¼ of the SE¼, North ½ of the SE¼ of SE¼, NW¼of the SE¼. We own a weekend home to the east of the area in question. Almost all of the area is used for recreation and weekend and summer homes.

The addional traffic created, the disturbance to the wildlife, the noise and dust that are created by mining would be contrary to and in conflict with the use of the area.

This is a beautiful area for hiking, cross country skiing, fishing and camping and is used for all of these purposes continually.

There are many wild fruits in the area which make it habitat for racoons, grouse, deer, moose and elk. There are many varieties of birds in the area also. This area is used by moose and elk for winter range. The beaver are active along this area of Rock Creek also storing water for the fish and wildlife.

The added traffic would be determental to the periodic use of the cabins in the area. Many cabins are very nice and have been purchased by the owners because of the seclusion and quiet of the area. Additional traffic in the area encourages the vandalism and theft problems which up to this time have been kept to a minumum by careful planning of the landowners and cooperation of everyone in helping to watch each others property.

Thank you for considering our protest.

Yours very truly,

Laurence H. Owen

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