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I am so impressed with Wyoming DEQ for developing new rules for methane emissions under the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations. This is long overdue and so important. Methane emissions are a big contributor to global warming, and global warming is a serious threat to Wyoming, even if most Wyomingites don't believe it is. Extreme weather---excessive heat, excessive rain---could destroy the livelihood of many ranchers and farmers in our state. Continued warming will destroy the ski economy in Jackson.

Being from Wyoming and having lived here for over 60 years, I am already seeing extremes changes in the environment: for example, the glaciers I used to traverse in the Wind River Mountains have all shrunk dramatically, it is so sad. The glaciers in the Tetons will most likely be gone in a decade. These glaciers were our reservoirs of water that kept our streams and rivers running in the summer. Without them, wildlife will suffer, but so will cattle.

Methane is not hard to capture, and it is very cost effective, the oil and gas industry just don't want to be told what to do. Well, welcome to the world. If you won't regulate yourself---then it is up to the DEQ to set standards.

Thanks again for taking a bold step toward methane emission reduction!