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Dear Wyoming Range supporters,

Congratulations!!!! To each of you a sincere thank you for your patience, hard work and support over the past year. As you may have heard, the Forest Service announced last week that it has decided to analyze a new alternative to PXP's drilling proposal in the Upper Hoback. This decision for a "supplemental" draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) is an important and successful milestone in our efforts!

None of the drilling alternatives in the prior DEIS adhered to the requirements in the Bridger-Teton's forest plan or to the contractual terms in PXP's oil and gas leases. Seeking to remedy these serious issues, the Forest Service will consider a new, more protective alternative that will not violate road density standards and one that likely will restrict the number and location of well pads.

The lease stipulations and the forest plan are akin to contracts with the public and it is important that these be honored. These important safeguards should not be waived to accommodate the company's private interests. While our goal remains a buy-out of PXP's leases, we must make sure that any proposal/alternative is as protective of the values of the area as possible, in accordance with the legal stipulations placed on the leases and the existing forest plan.

For now, I'd ask that you take a moment to send BTNF Supervisor Jacque Buchanan a note of thanks. Please tell her you appreciate the Forest Service's deliberate approach and encourage the agency to remain committed to protecting wildlife values and air and water quality. You can also mention that you support the Forest Service upholding any and all forest plan standards as well as all of the protective stipulations in PXP's oil and gas leases.

You can email Supervisor Buchanan at jabuchanan@fs.fed.us or write her at PO Box 1888, Jackson, WY 83001.

This new alternative and the supplemental analysis will be available for public review early in 2012, and the public will have 45 days to comment. I'll share more details with you as they become available as well as opportunities to attend public meetings this winter.

Again let me applaud each of you for your unwavering support and dedication. As we enter the next phase of our efforts, we need to continue to be a strong united voice for the protection of the Wyoming Range.

Regards,
Dan Smitherman, spokesperson
Citizens for the Wyoming Range

Citizens for the Wyoming Range does not do any active fundraising, however, if you would like to contribute, we welcome donations. We are not a 501(c)3 organization and so we can't cash checks. The Wyoming Outdoor Council has agreed to be our fiscal sponsor. If you send a donation to the Wyoming Outdoor Council, it is tax deductible and if you mark the check or include a note it's for Citizens for the Wyoming Range, 100% of these funds will go to our efforts. Their address is 262 Lincoln St. Lander WY 82520.