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Michael Lesar, Chief, Rulemaking and Directives Branch U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Stop TWB-05-B01 Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Request for extension of public comment period for Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements for the Nichols Ranch, Moore Ranch, and Lost Creek ISL Uranium Facilities in Wyoming

Dear Chief Lesar,

I am writing on behalf of Wyoming Outdoor Council to request an extension of the public comment period for the draft supplemental environmental impact statements for the Nichols Ranch, Moore Ranch, and Lost Creek in-situ leach (ISL) uranium facilities. Wyoming Outdoor Council members live, work, and recreate near these facilities and we anticipate that these projects may significantly impact the environment in Wyoming by their construction, operation and reclamation.

A substantial extension of the comment period is necessary to allow our organization, our members, and other members of the general public to review the lengthy documents and references included in those documents. An extension will allow us to better contribute to the process through the submission of substantive comments.

While the NRC may believe it is being generous by granting a 51 day comment period, since many of those days were during the holiday season, and since the comment due date is the same for all three projects, the actual time available to the public to review, research, and carefully analyze the documents has been much shorter than that and has thus been insufficient.

I understand that other organizations, such as the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Powder River Basin Resource Council, have asked the NRC for an extension and we urge the NRC to consider those requests in addition to this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

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