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**To Whom it may concern:**

Please consider this a letter of support for UR Energy's planned development of a uranium mine at Lost Creek in Sweetwater County.

Sweetwater County and adjoining area's in Southwest Wyoming have a long tradition of boom and bust development. A hundred years ago it was the railroad, then coal, oil, trona mines and power in the 1960's and 70's, and most recently, in 2007 and '08 natural gas development, processing and transport.

With each wave and expansion, communities have gradually learned the importance of diversification and planning. Wamsutter, in eastern Sweetwater County, was severely impacted most recently with the development of natural gas fields. Through a partnership with industry, specifically BP Oil, state government and the county, they responded with planned development and goals to sustain a long lasting community.

As you are well aware, with the recent economic downturn and resulting drop in natural gas prices, our area's growth came to an abrupt halt. Sweetwater County's Unemployment Rate went for 2.9% in Dec '08 to 7.7% in Dec '09. We went from an area housing shortage to a housing glut. We went from a labor shortage to a job shortage. Our tax base dropped significantly.

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In Southwest Wyoming we are seeking diversified growth and economic development and believe that UR Energy's plan at Lost Creek fits well with community goals. Planned, funded service increases in medical, educational, and social services have moved forward in spite of the economic downturn. We are seeking what UR Energy could provide, long term, well-paying, direct and indirect jobs.

As an Agency we have counseled and trained worker for the projected needs that this development could bring to the county. We have trained CDL-A licensed drivers, and several students are studying diesel and compressor mechanics. Sweetwater County needs and wants the projected 200 jobs with self-sufficient wages that this project should produce. As a community we understand the social impact, are prepared for it, and welcome the economic development that will help diversify our economy for the long run.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need additional information or have any questions about this letter of support, please feel free to contact me at the address and numbers listed below.

Sincerely yours,



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