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EnCana's Normally Pressured Lance
 Project

Dear Ms. Roadifer:

I'm writing about EnCana's Normally Pressured Lance Project. When considering this project it is imperative to consider the needs of wildlife, particularly sage grouse and pronghorn. Sage grouse in Wyoming are particularly under stress and are still on the decline. In fact, sage grouse should probably already have a greater protected status than they do now. As you consider this project, please focus on separating wellpads by a square mile to over three square miles or more, taking into account known locations of sage grouse leks and pronghorn migration routes.

Slow growth of any such project should also be taken into consideration to help mitigate existing air and water quality problems in the area. It may well happen that as there is more development, there will be even greater air quality problems than have recently been reported in the news regarding Pinedale. Air quality is also important to consider for the future of the Tetons and Yellowstone National Park. It would be sad if this area becomes even more well known as frequently having lower quality air than Los Angeles.

While oil and gas independence are important, we need to balance this with the impacts to area residents, national parks, and wildlife. It seems that these impacts have not really been taken seriously as more development is allowed in this area.

Sincerely,

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