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Mr. Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor  
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
PO Box 145801  
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**Michael Milovich**  
Commissioner  
(435) 636-3272

Re: *Cause No. C/007/047 Petition to Designate Lands Unsuitable for  
Coal Mining*

Dear Mr. Haddock:

**William D. Krompel**  
Commissioner  
(435) 636-3273

The Carbon County Commission is in receipt of your letter dated March 19, 2009 regarding a petition to designate lands in Township 12 South, Range 7 East, Sections 23 and 33 as unsuitable for coal mining.

**John Jones**  
Commissioner  
(435) 636-3271

As you know, Carbon County owns much of the coal reserves in this area and has leased them to a viable coal company for purposes of extracting and selling this product. It is our position that modern safe coal mining is a historic and important occupation -- especially in Carbon County. We oppose any attempts by petition or other means to reduce, restrict or stop a legitimate and cultural lifestyle that would contribute so much financial stability to our small rural towns and citizens. We believe a finding of this nature would obstruct the reasonable expectation of income the potential that coal mining has historically made in Carbon County.

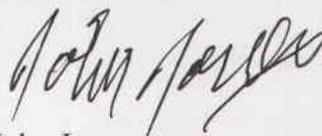
We also want to be clear that water protection is our number one priority in Carbon County and we would be the first to take action should anything affect water flows either in quantity or quality. At the same time we realize that coal mining in this area has been going on for over 130 years and has yet to cause any permanent damage to our watersheds. With the new technology and regulatory authority that exists today, it is in our opinion highly improbable that coal mining in the area would create a problem. In fact the old Colombo mine is in this area and was producing coal for many years before closing in the 1960's.

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In summary, after a review of all of the information pertaining to this issue and the reasons cited above, Carbon County requests that the submitted petition be dismissed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



John Jones  
Commissioner

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cc: Michael S. Milovich, Commissioner  
William D. Krompel, Commissioner  
Rex Sacco, Public Lands Administrator