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DNRC Committee

We would like to express our deep Concern for the use of water from Coalbed methane. We need the water extremely bad. We have 20 resivors on our ranch and not one has a drop of water in them. Most of them have been dry for 8 consecutive years due to the extreme draught.

We don't want the water from our property going to the Tongue or ending up being shipped out of state. We want to use it ourselves.

We strongly feel that if Coalbed methane is done properly, it could benefit us all.

Sincerely
Horace (Ace) and Addie Goodwin

Attatched is a letter I sent to Governor Schweitzer 9-7-06.

9-7-06

Governor Schweitzer

We would like to express to you our views on Coal bed Methane development. We support it for personal, County, and state reasons.

Personally: We ranch and have reservoirs that have been dry for 8 consective years. We put an expensive pipeline in. It has to be checked every other day as something can and does go wrong. When it is down we have to haul water. Both running to check pipeline and hauling water is extremely expensive with the price of fuel. This is our main summer range and is 12 to 15 miles from home.

We haul water full time for the livestock on home end of the range. This is not only expensive but time consuming to where you can't get other things accomplished on the ranch. Wells and springs are going dry from so many years of drought.

County: Powder River County is broke. CBM would do a lot for the county with the revenue and could help reduce taxes not mention what it could do for Education, and welfare of the elderly people & other programs - Roads etc.

State: Look at the revenue it would bring into the state of Montana. More revenue better law enforcement, lower taxes help Education at County and state level. Look at the jobs it would create at local and state level. Plus we need alternative fuel.

We feel there has been extensive research

to prove that there would be more benefit from the development than damaging draw backs.

We are letting extreme environmentalist stop landowners from running their own property and it needs to come to a halt. Most land owners think environmentally

Sincerely

Alec and Addie Goodwin