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Dear Lynn:

I am actively engaged in discussions concerning the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) proposed exclusive use rule. The rule will potentially impact reservoirs throughout our state, and I am pleased to know that many Wyoming residents took the time to submit official comments on this issue.

On October 16, 2007, I sent a comment letter to Richard Rizzi and to BOR Commissioner Robert Johnson to make clear that there are many unique situations in Wyoming that bureau's proposed rule does not adequately address. I am concerned that the proposed rule is a one-size-fits-all approach that will create hardships for the people who have property in the affected areas. My letter suggested that it would be more fair to consider different situations that have developed under the existing regulations on a case-by-case basis, with the input of the local individuals who are truly impacted by the BOR's decision.

The public comment period for this rule closed on October 16, 2007. The BOR will review my comments along with the comments of thousands of others as they continue to draft the final rule. I will continue to be involved in this matter as the BOR rulemaking process moves forward. I hope that the BOR's final rule on executive use will take the needs of Wyoming's residents who use BOR facilities into account.

I want my constituents to have access to a more complete view of Congress and my activities so I have started a monthly e-newsletter. It is a brief summary of important issues and happenings. I encourage you to sign up on my web page at enzi.senate.gov. You can unsubscribe at anytime.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Enzi
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