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Protecting the Upper Green's
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Dear Ms. Roadifer:

EnCana's Normally Pressured Lance Project sprawls across a vast stretch of prime wildlife habitat, including key sage grouse areas and the internationally famous pronghorn migration corridor from Grand Teton NP to Seedskaadee NWR. Given the massive impacts to sage grouse and big game that have already been shown in the Pinedale Anticline and Jonah Fields, the needs of wildlife--not oil and gas companies--should take precedence here.

Please require a maximum surface density of one wellpad per square mile throughout the entire project, not just in sage grouse Core Areas. And within sage grouse Core Areas, wellpads need to

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Pinedale Anticline Field,
 BCA/LightHawk photo

be sited at least 3 miles from sage grouse leks in order to reduce impacts to breeding and nesting activities. In addition, the BLM should provide a corridor at least 2 miles wide where drilling and road construction are not allowed along the migration corridor for the Grand Teton pronghorn herd.

Finally, phased development should be required for this project, under which no more than 25,000 acres should be committed to full-field development at any one time, and new acreage can only be opened up for drilling after final reclamation of a similar acreage of wellfield.

Oil and gas development has run roughshod over other resources and values, such as wildlife, public use of the land, water quality, and clean air in the Upper Green River Valley. It's time for the BLM to require some balance in its multiple-use management of our public lands.

Sincerely yours,

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