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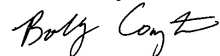
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Town of Saratoga
110 East Spring Ave.
Saratoga, WY 82331

Dear Mr. Davis:

We ask you consider this letter as written correspondence and a project summary for the Saratoga Lake fish screening project. In September 2022, a rotenone project to eradicate illegally introduced yellow perch was completed and the lake is now fishless. An indirect benefit to the project was the elimination of white sucker and brook stickleback (state listed Aquatic Invasive Species) and the expected improvement to the trout fishery in Saratoga Lake. This lake has been treated with rotenone three separate times to suppress white suckers and improve the fishery (the last time was in 1998). The Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) plans to install a fish screen that blocks fish from entering Saratoga Lake from the North Platte River. The screen will be located on the inflow ditch approximately 150 yards upstream of the lake on the Town of Saratoga property (UTM is 350313E, 4591031N, Z13). This screen will reduce the likelihood of unwanted fish species negatively impacting the Saratoga Lake sport fishery.

The screening project is cooperative in nature between the WGFD, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Town of Saratoga. The WGFD will provide the screen and install the screen/concrete box housing and pay for electrical service (both the installation cost and monthly service), the BLM will purchase and have delivered the concrete box, and the Town of Saratoga will grant permission to install the screen and electricity on their property. There is a power pole approximately 60 yards from the screen, and a buried electrical line will be installed from the pole to the screen. The screening project must be completed before water flow is returned this May.

Sincerely,


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