

Sublette Minerals 2022

Oil and gas development is Sublette County's economic engine, with oil and gas production on federal lands playing a vital role. However, the federal government under the Biden administration has not recognized its value to Wyoming. With gas prices at \$5/gallon and inflation at record highs, the federal government should be supporting more responsible oil and gas production on federal lands, but that has not been the case.

The Wyoming Legislature has no authority over the federal administration on this issue. The Legislature can and does play a supportive role to Wyoming's mineral industry. The Legislature ensures that the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), the Wyoming Energy Authority, UW's School of Energy Resources, and the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission can respond to industry needs.

WDEQ's hard work allows Wyoming to retain primacy of environmental regulations, so the federal EPA does not overstep its boundaries. In addition, the Legislature recently created the Wyoming Energy Authority, which combines the existing scopes of the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, Wyoming Pipeline Authority and the State Energy Office, effectively consolidating Wyoming's energy program into one entity that works to advance the state's energy strategy by supporting Wyoming's full energy portfolio. UW's School of Energy Resources and High Bay Research Facility have done groundbreaking work. UW's Center of Innovation for Flow through Porous Media is the most advanced oil and gas research facility in the world. These programs were accomplished through legislative support.

For a decade or more, the Legislature has provided funding to the Federal Natural Resource Policy Account to help the state and counties fight legal battles against anti-energy litigation, benefiting Sublette County. I strongly supported that funding while serving on the Joint Appropriations committee. My previous four years on the Minerals Committee made me keenly aware of issues important to the industry.

The Legislature, with my support, created laws that recognize pore space for the sequestration of carbon dioxide. Last session, we passed [SF0047](#), Carbon storage and sequestration-liability. This bill paved the way for Exxon and other companies to sequester carbon dioxide in deep

formations, placing the long-term liability on the state only after 20 years of research on the formation after injection. This legislation will help LaBarge and Big Piney, as the expansion of Exxon facilities could bring in 400 temporary workers and 10-12 permanent workers.

To sum up, the Wyoming Legislature has been incredibly supportive of the minerals industry, and I have played a role in that support. That's why the leaders of those industries have endorsed me in the upcoming election.

Pete Obermueller, President and CEO of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming, said this about me:

Your support of the natural gas and oil industry is invaluable. Wyoming's pro-growth legislators like you help ensure that the thousands of natural gas and oil field employees who live and work in our state can continue to do so. PAW appreciates your thoughtful approach to energy development in Wyoming.

My candidacy has been endorsed by:

Petroleum Association of Wyoming

Wyoming Mining Association

Paul Ulrich