

Accordingly, we respectfully request that:

1. Explicit provision be made that the renewal of existing or future trona leases will not be affected by the proposed withdrawal; and
2. The prime Wyoming trona lands located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming be excluded from the proposed withdrawal since the proposed oil shale development would in no way be seriously prejudiced by such exclusion.

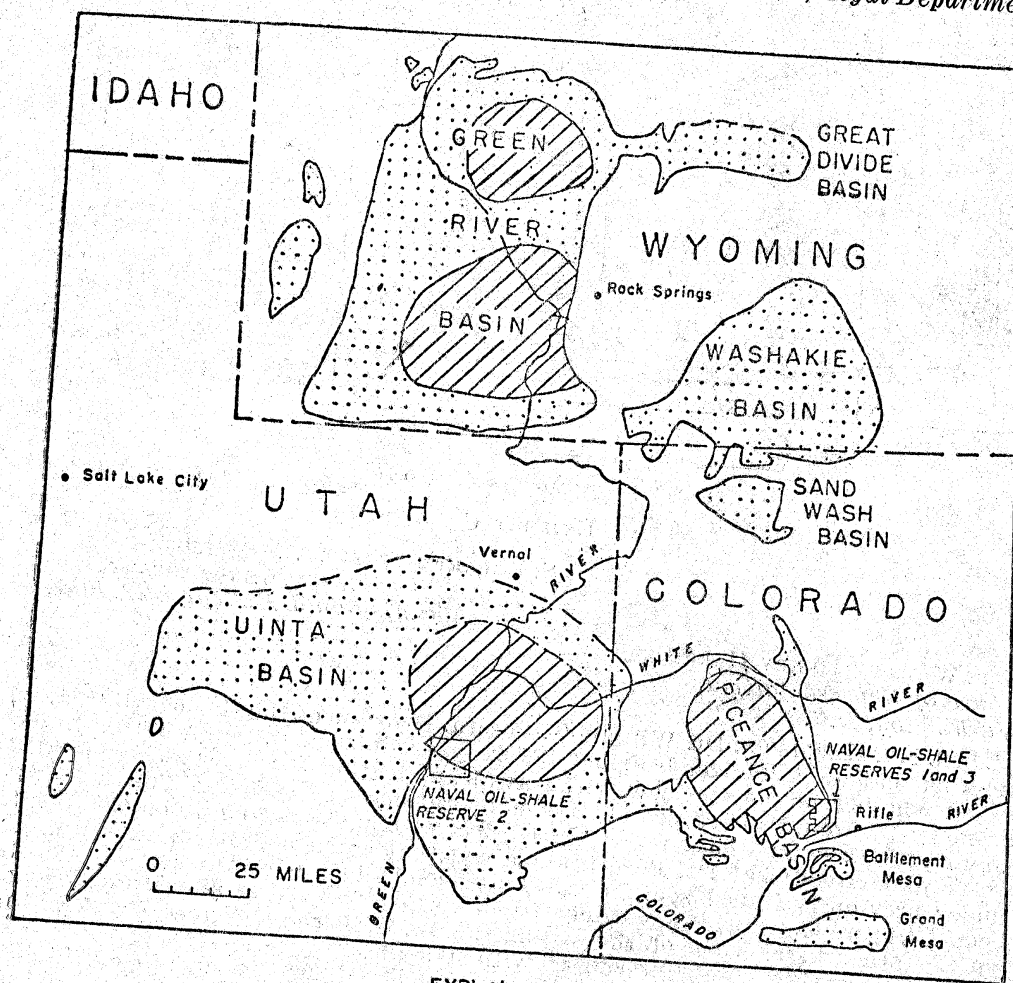
The effect of these two minor changes would be to assure the continuing contribution of the natural soda ash industry to Wyoming's economic development.

Please feel free to call upon us if you have any questions with respect to our suggestions or desire any additional information. We shall be happy to meet with you to discuss this matter further at your convenience. We would, of course, appreciate notice of any hearings you may hold with respect to this matter.

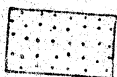
Sincerely,

VICTOR FUTTER,
Assistant Director, Legal Department.

Enclosures.



EXPLANATION



Area underlain by the Green River Formation in which the oil shale is unappraised or low grade



Area underlain by oil shale more than 10 feet thick, which yields 25 gallons or more oil per ton of shale

Figure 3.—Distribution of oil shale in the Green River Formation, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.