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Dear Sir/Madam,

As residents that border USFS on 3 sides, and as residents that are closest to the proposed drilling sites (1000 feet to the nearest proposed sites), we are deeply and vehemently opposed to any drilling - exploratory or otherwise, for several reasons.

1. Wildlife - The abundant turkey, deer, coyotes and elk in the area will be displaced by the drilling activity, road traffic with heavy machinery, road material transportation, road building, and the drilling activities themselves. The forest wildlife may not return for several years after being displaced, impacting hunting and other outdoor activities.
2. Privacy - The privacy afforded in the area will be severely impacted by road traffic, drilling/mining crews, building activities and other activities that this project may encourage.
3. Long-term impact - The long-term impact of even exploratory activities will be severe, should the project yield results that encourage further mining activities, permanently displacing wildlife, permanently altering the forest, and severely reducing privacy for those residents who border the impacted areas.
4. Forest should remain forest - This project raises the question about the forest service's role in keeping the remaining forest as forest, and protecting the forest by keeping it off limits to development and modern building, drilling and mining activities.

Overall, protecting the habitat, wildlife and natural beauty of the area should remain the US Forest Service's primary responsibility so that future generations will be able to enjoy it without blemish.

Respectfully,

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