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Comments: It is now time to stop the oil and gas industry from drilling on public land; specifically in the Pike and San Isabel National Forests. Not only will this action ruin the landscape and wildlife habitat, but will pollute our dwindling water resources which are already stressed during the serious drought we are experiencing.

The industry is already planning to drill "thousands of wells" in north central Colorado, 200 of which will be in the city of Greeley, and 80 will be on University of Northern Colorado land. These wells will be fracked, and each one will use 50,000 gallons of Colorado's dwindling water resources, as the industry pumps proprietary chemicals into the ground. Ask the people near Rifle what happened to their health after their wells were polluted with these chemicals in the oil and gas industry's unprecedented reach to "export as much oil as Saudi Arabia in two years." Many people in Rifle just walked away from their Colorado dream homes. Now people working for the drilling firms live in them, and are presumably drinking from the same polluted wells that sickened the original owners—unless they know what chemicals are used in fracking. Then, lucky for them, they know better.

Not only will the already money-bloated oil and gas industry receive huge profits from their mass drilling, they get government subsidies, too! The industry doesn't have to disclose what chemicals they pump into the ground. Look at the North Texas Field, south of the Red River. That land was fracked 35 years ago, and a retired ARCO employee told me "nothing will ever grow there". People in Longmont, Colorado have measured the air pollutants coming from wells located near their neighborhoods and playgrounds, and found them to be hazardous to human health! This caused them to ban drilling in their city!

WHY LET THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY POLLUTE OUR PUBLIC LANDS? THEY ARE IN THE MIDST OF THE BIGGEST DRILLING ATTACK THIS COUNTRY HAS EVER SEEN—IN CITIES AND ON PRIVATE LAND ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY! THERE IS A HUGE RISK THAT THE PUBLIC'S WATER WILL BE PERMANENTLY POLLUTED. THIS IS OUR WATER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT! THIS MONEY-BLOATED INDUSTRY DOES NOT HAVE TO GET RICHER AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR PUBLIC LANDS AND OUR PRECIOUS WATER! IT'S TIME TO STOP THIS TRAVESTY!! NO DRILLING ON PUBLIC LANDS! NO DRILLING IN THE PIKE AND SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FORESTS AND THE CIMARRON AND COMANCHE GRASSLANDS!