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Dear Rob,

The Houston Regional Group and Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club (Sierra Club) provide these additional seeping comments for the U.S. Forest Service (FS) oil/gas leasing environmental impact statement (OGLEIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas (NFGT).

There are more articles that the Sierra Club provides to the FS.

1. "U.N.: Climate pledges are not enough", James Osborne, Houston Chronicle, November 27,2019. ,

This article says it all about why the FS should be concerned about climate change and address it in the OGLEIS: "World Leaders' efforts to shift away from fossil fuels and slow climate change are not going quickly enough to avoid environmental catastrophe".

2. "Texas manufacturing sector contracts", Erin Douglas, Houston Chronicle, November 26,2019.

This article points out that how oil/gas has a significant impact on manufacturing in Texas and has depressed that manufacturing today.

3. "Big Oil looking to sell \$27 billion in global assets", Sergio Chapa, Houston Chronicle, November 25,2019.

This article shows that hydraulic fracturing causes earthquakes and not just via wastewater injection disposal of hydraulic fracturing wastewater.

4. "Shell targets state-owned lands in the Permian Basin", Sergio Chapa, Houston Chronicle, November 25, 2019.

This article documents there is mitigation for hydraulic fracturing that entails use of brackish water instead of freshwater and recycling of wastewater.

5. "Slump in drilling continues to sting frac sand industry", Sergio Chapa, Houston Chronicle, November 23, 2019.

This article documents how the slump in shale drilling has affected associated-companies like those who provide sand for hydraulic fracturing.

These articles are provided by the Sierra Club to the FS to document how a comprehensive analysis of economic, social, and environmental factors with regard to oil/gas exploitation and climate change is needed in the NFGT OGLEIS.

The Sierra Club appreciates this opportunity to provide these additional initial scoping comments about the OGLEIS. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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