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Sierra Vista Ranger District  
District Ranger, c/o Rick Goshen  
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Re: Project ID Number: 2810-030503-POO-2020-001

My name is Diana Melby and I own Lot 18 in the Duquesne Homeowners Assoc.

I am concerned about the proposed exploratory drilling by IC Exploration, LLC - the "San Antonio Project."

One of my concerns is water. It is a critical part of life here. What will occur if, while drilling, a significant aquifer, submerged flooded mining shaft or the like is encountered? Could there be a significant drawdown affecting existing wells and springs? Who will be monitoring the drilling?

What assurance can residents/landowners be given that if and when water is struck during drilling, that appropriate, immediate action to cap the hole is taken? Without adequate geologic and hydrology data, how can they be so confident that, if water is struck during drilling, plugging the hole will be a simple action without any impact to aquifers, springs etc., that provide water to residents, livestock etc. Further hydrogeological studies must be conducted to ensure there is no impact to water supplies that are our lifeline here.

Our area here is very scenic and quiet. Roads are narrow and steep in places. The added heavy vehicle traffic on the roads will impact the physical condition of the roads. What noise will be made by the operation? This operation is going to be visible by residents living here. What will that do to the environment and wildlife habitat?

We (residents and landowners) of the Duquesne/Washington Camp area, love this quiet and untouched land. It was one of the main reasons I purchased land here. The proposed exploratory drilling (and possible future drilling project) will have a huge negative impact here.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,

Diana Melby  
Landowner Lot 18  
Duquesne Homeowners Assoc