

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/6/2018 11:11:06 PM

First name: Pamela

Last name: Osgood

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Leasing of NFS land to gas companies

Dear NFS Folks,

I am most concerned about the proposal to lease within areas covered by the 1986 Humboldt Land and Resource Management Plan. Even though I recognize that these lands have been designated as open to leasing, I am opposed to it as I do not trust any oil or gas company to really respect the land and leave it intact. They have not shown that they are responsible anywhere in the world, in the US, off our coasts, in Africa, South America, or anywhere else. They have left land and water and waterways desecrated, totally polluted and have never cleaned up areas of spills.

How can we believe that these large corporations will change their behavior now? These lands belong to all US citizens, not to corporations. These lands must be left for future generations of humans and all other living beings.

Please do not lease these lands out for gas exploration. If you do, please get an upfront payment in the hundreds of millions for cleanup and restoration of land back to its original condition. No corporation will do this on their own without extreme financial pressure.

What a shame it will be if you allow Sherman Creek and Lamoille Creek and the forests surrounding them in the Ruby Mountains to be destroyed for all posterity!

Thanks you for taking my comment.

Pamela Osgood

13234 Ridge Rd.

Grass Valley, CA 95945-4822