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Comments: May I bring your attention to an excellent documentary on natural gas / methane extraction in Colorado and their impact on the citizens and property values? It is called "Split Estate" and was produced in 2009 and presented by Colorado Public Television (CPT) Channel 12. If you even consider allowing the oil and gas industry to do any business in Colorado, before they clean up their current messes and methods of extraction and storage, you are doing the public (and yourselves, assuming some of you have family, grand children or live in the West yourselves) a huge disservice.

I believe that most of you involved in these decisions are doing the best job you can, and please don't forget that within the next 10 years, gasoline will be a nasty habit of the dirty past, like coal used to heat houses is now. We will be relying on solar and wind power, because most of us know that the only real way to beat the oil and gas industry is to quit buying their products. If they had any interest in new technology that would make their processes more efficient and less polluting, they might have a chance to survive the next wave of fed-up consumers, but as we know, their short-sighted greed will be their down-fall.

Our beautiful Pike National Forest and the communities of the Front Range will be irreversibly polluted, and the oil and gas industry will, no doubt, leave all their pollution and machinery exactly where it is, the minute the price of their products go down.

Please help the citizens of Colorado get through this latest assault without ruining another community and forest.