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Comments: We are 15 year residents of this Monument area directly adjacent to the Pike National Forest and very vigorously oppose all commercial gas drilling in the Rampart Range area.

The negative impact to our well water as well as our way of life from road development and increased traffic would be significant. Our water supply is tenuous and very vulnerable to contamination by both drilling and chemical pond storage from drilling operations. We do not believe that there is a fail proof guarantee that contamination nor depletion of our water source is assured. The use of known and unknown chemicals for these operations is a major concern.

We are also highly concerned about the negative impacts, including increased fire potential, from road development. That surely will lead to increased public exposure of the forest in our "back yard". More people means more heavy and also illegal use of the forest and more potential for fire and vandalism of trees and illegal shooting- all which are already a problem now, with just a bad dirt road access.

The expectation of additional noise is also a concern, from both increased traffic and drilling operations. Not to mentioned the destruction of the scenery and wildlife impact by the road improvements/additions and drilling operations. We have seen firsthand the negative impacts those have in areas where drilling has been permitted. It has no place in our near-urban forest!!.

Clearly, this would negatively impact our property values as well, and the quality of life in our own homes that we came to this area to enjoy and appreciate!

Please do not permit gas exploration or drilling in this fragile urban interface. Residents have lived here long before any gas drilling company lease of the public land. Clearly those companies only care about making a profit, even at our expense... our health, welfare and property rights should come first.

Thank you for considering our input!

Pam and Steve Galchutt