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The National Forest and Grasslands in Texas (NFGT) is attempting to lease land in our Sam Houston National Forest for Oil & Gas Exploration (most specifically, fracking). I AM OPPOSED, AND AM FILING MY OBJECTION TO THIS ACTION.

I am against fracking in our National Forest and around Lake Conroe. The dangers are obvious. Explanations like "The contractors will have adequate insurance to cover any damage they cause" and "Contractor sites will be continually monitored" do nothing to stop possible land and water contamination; nor alleviate the indescribable damage that could be caused to our water supply, air quality, wildlife, plants and trees.

We do not need the minimal production that could come from the Sam Houston National Forest and neighboring Lake Conroe. The National Forests were designated to protect the environment and serve the public's need for recreational areas. We do not want fracking rig towers, water pits, odor and noise pollution in our National Forest. Forest roads will be damaged by oil field equipment, there will be damage to the Forest floor, and restrictions on where you can hunt and fish. And there's the outside possibility of environmental and water supply contamination. The reward is not worth the risk.

Please note my OBJECTION and rethink this unwise use of resources.

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