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Subject: Fracking in East Texas National ForestsI am writing to say that I strongly favor a No Fracking policy for our national forests.

Fracking uses a massive amount of water and is shown to be a serious pollution threat to underground water supplies. Compared to many other states, Texas has a very small percentage of public lands per capita, and this makes the ones we do have particularly precious. The disruption of natural habitats that would be caused by fracking operations is totally unacceptable. Some of these forests represent some of the last viable habitat of the endangered Red-cockaded woodpecker. In these days of serious climate change consequences, the last thing that is needed is more fossil fuel production -- especially in our national forests. Fracking is a serious detriment to less environmentally damaging uses of these lands, including wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation and the preservation of declining species. For these and numerous other reasons, I strongly support a No Fracking policy.

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