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Subject: FRACKING IN LAKE CONROE AND SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST
Hello Robert, My wife and I are residents in Montgomery TX neighboring the Sam Houston National Forest. I was surprised to hear of the proposed lease for oil and gas exploration in the park, and strongly oppose this. Many residents in the area including my wife and I use this park for recreational purposes, and opening this up for anything other than this is reckless in my mind. The US has reduced their dependency on foreign oil and natural gas significantly, and have strong reserves. We then have to consider the risk to our natural resource if there were any accidents, and the close proximity to Lake Conroe. I often hear exploration companies promise to return drilling areas back to their natural state when projects are completed, but we all know that's not always the case. Many of us were unaware of the Public meeting held in Willis on Sept 26th and from what I was told neither was the San Jacinto River Authority, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Montgomery County and elected officials. Now that the news is out it may be worth holding another meeting that will allow likeminded people to attend and voice their opinion, and concerns. Don't get me wrong, I am a supporter of the industry however feel we allow the greed of some to invade areas that should be left in their natural state. I will be sending letters to our local and state elected officials this week voicing my concerns and hope others in the area do the same. Thank you,
Peter & Vanesa Thigpen