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Comments: I am writing to offer comments on the draft Environmental Assessment for the Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Associated Fruitland Coal Gas Horizontal Drilling Project.

The Forest Service should not waive the existing lease prohibition against surface occupancy and use of the Roadless Area for this pipeline. The No Surface Occupancy stipulation was confirmed by the San Juan National Forest in 2007 explicitly to protect the Roadless Area character of the HD Mountains. Bulldozing a 60-foot wide corridor through the Roadless Area obviously violates the contractual terms against surface occupancy.

Thank you for your consideration