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Comments: Dear Mr. Schwartz:

As someone who has personally hiked in the Sespe Wilderness and other adjacent areas many times, I strongly oppose the granting of any permits to frack in, on or under this area or anywhere else in the Las Padres National Forest.

I think it is insane to even consider allowing the use of millions of gallons of clean, and increasingly scarce water and the subsequent release of millions of gallons of toxic, chemical-laced water in this beautiful natural area. As you know, this area is home to the rare and endangered California Condor, also contains many other plants, trees and animals that, like us, need clean water to survive.

I think it is outrageous to force us peons to pay to park a car in a lot within the park, and get ticketed and towed if we don't while you allow massive vehicles and equipment to set up shop within the park. This is PUBLIC land, not private. That means it is not for sale to the highest bidder. It is held in trust for the current and future generations.

Despite the fact that your superiors, and state and federal legislators have neglected their duties and failed to protect these sacred lands, you have at least some opportunity right now to stand up and put an end to this destruction of our national heritage.

Please stand for justice and halt any further fracking in, on or under the Los Padres National Forest.

Thank you.

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That is All it is. - The Beatles