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Comments: I am against every aspect of this project. Drilling and pipelines invariably cause permanent environmental damage. The HDs are a fragile and highly erodible ecosystem. Water usage is one of many concerns. We are in a long term drought. I've lived in the HDs for more than 50 years. I've seen many springs and creeks dry up in the last ten years. Drilling uses and ruins a tremendous amount of water and we cannot afford to waste this precious resource. Humans and wildlife are both dependent on having water and further drilling in the HDs is an unnecessary use. Gas and oil is a dead end and economically benefits very few people. The roads and gravel needed will bring in more invasive weeds. We already have an enormous methane cloud over the four corners. We need to stop trashing our planet!! Just say no to drilling!

Below are some facts for you to consider.

Pipelines

On average, a major new gas leak incident is reported to the federal government every 40 hours, while more minor leaks can go undetected and unrepaired for years. Jun 23, 2022

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New research reveals U.S. gas pipeline leaks have not improved

1 Natural gas is primarily composed of methane, meaning that all leakage from natural gas pipelines contributes to harmful climate pollution. EDF analysis, using the latest research, finds that U.S. natural gas pipelines are leaking between 1.2 million and 2.6 million tons of methane per year.

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METHANE EMISSIONS FROM U.S. GAS PIPELINE LEAKS

Building pipelines results in deforestation and the destruction of habitats for multiple species. There have been approximately 9,000 significant pipeline spills over the past 30 years. Over 500 people have died because of these spills, in addition to 2,576 people injured, and over \$8.5 billion in financial damages [1]

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