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Comments: Applications for Permit to Drill (APD's) in the Sespe Oil Field

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I'm all for severing the cord with the Middle East, but am very wary about the fracking that is being proposed. There must be a better way, that would circumvent the injection of chemicals into the ground. How is that not POSSIBLE to contaminate our ground water at some point? Seems logical that it could be a possibility, and therefore I strongly urge you to preserve our US Forests for all of us, and the generations to come.

I'm writing to urge you to protect the Los Padres National Forest from the impacts of fracking and oil drilling. The Forest Service should prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement, and no fracking should be approved until we know more about the potential environmental and public health impacts of this controversial practice.

Fracking has come under increasing scrutiny from scientists, regulators, and the public due to concerns with groundwater contamination, surface water pollution, water consumption, and public health. It is not acceptable to approve any more fracking in such an environmentally sensitive area until the potential impacts are fully known, and until measures are put into place to protect our forest and our water supplies from environmental harm.

I also urge you to take all measures to protect endangered California condors and steelhead from the impacts of oil development. Please ensure that spills of oil and other hazardous chemicals do not enter Sespe Creek or its tributaries.

Again, I urge the Forest Service to prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement before approving any fracking operations in Los Padres National Forest.

Mr. Schwartz, thank you for your service and your efforts to protect our forest and surrounding communities.

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