

Comments on the oil shale DPEIS

Bureau of Land Management OSTSEIS

Dear BLM,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Oil Shale and Tar Sands. The development envisioned by the study would come at a time when our land is already experiencing severe pressure from the current energy boom and significant population growth across the west. It is difficult to understand why the BLM is rushing toward a commercial leasing program without even knowing if oil shale development is feasible economically. In light of that, it's even more difficult to understand why the BLM seems so anxious to give oil shale development priority over other uses on our public lands as shale development would likely preclude all other activity, including natural gas development in priority areas.

We must ensure that the oil shale RD&D process has allowed us to assess the impacts of experimental extraction technologies on energy consumption and water use before proceeding with the PEIS. It will be years before companies developing oil shale technology will know if it is technologically or economically feasible.

I urge the BLM to consider the cumulative effects of this industry on wildlife habitat and protected areas across the west. This plan proposes development in some of the best hunting, fishing, and recreation areas in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. We can and should protect these areas from adjacent impacts such as diminished air quality and habitat fragmentation.

Agency regulations and federal law require that the BLM manage its lands for multiple uses, yet the agency admits that oil shale development will displace every other public use of public land to benefit private companies. The cumulative impact of this massive development will negatively affect our air, water, wildlife and communities in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. I urge you to slow down and carefully consider the enormous effect commercial oil shale development would have before committing the West Slope to a future of industrial development and environmental degradation.

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