

March 11, 2008

Sherry Thompson, BLM Project Manager  
BLM Oil Shale and Tar Sands Draft Programmatic EIS  
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Dear Sherry Thompson, BLM Project Manager:

I am writing to support the "No Action" alternative in the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Oil Shale and Tar Sands. The proposed development comes at a time when our public lands are already bearing the brunt of the current energy boom and significant population growth across the West and when we desperately need to be transitioning away from fossil fuels and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. This proposal is not feasible environmentally or economically, and would result in unacceptable quantities of greenhouse gas and other pollutants. The Bureau of Land Management should scrap the proposed development completely, choose the No Action alternative, or, at the very least, develop and evaluate a full range of reasonable alternatives, including alternatives based on energy conservation and efficiency.

The Bureau of Land Management must also adequately consider the cumulative impact of the proposed development to all of the plants and animals that will be affected.

I urge the Bureau of Land Management to choose the No Action alternative and abandon plans to develop oil shale and tar sands on public lands in the Rockies.

Sincerely,

