

From: [David Van Den Berg](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alaskan oil and gas drilling
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 8:18:55 PM

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To Whom it May Concern at the Interior Department:

It made little sense to put a moratorium on oil and gas leases, which support existing economies and jobs, while embarking on massive monetary and probably fiscal expansion. We need the payroll, production, corporate, etc taxes from the oil and gas industry to pay for the renewable and infrastructure "jobs package". As quoted in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, She (Sec Haaland) said the Interior Department is studying whether the existing oil and gas program is yielding "a fair return to American taxpayers." I say the "return" to taxpayers from today's energy policy won't differ much from the Harry Hopkins-like New Deal attempt to reshape America's means of energy production.

It sounds good that the future energy policy and resulting energy infrastructure will be green and equitable, but it is dishonest to suggest there won't be a whole new basket of externalities - social and environmental costs -and unintended consequences. Oil and gas is a mature, regulated industry in America and it makes no sense to impair that industry as you try to shape a winner out of solar/wind/geothermal, etc Let's go ahead with lease sales on federal land and waters as a prominent feature of America's energy policy.

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From: [ellen Zurcher](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021 10:03:30 PM

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Our economy in the Uintah Basin (Utah) is dependent on oil and gas production. Pretty much the only real " cash" industry around the area. Farmers, ranchers, and other people work as hard as they can, but need the energy production jobs too. Many of our residents work a regular job, then go home and farm at night and on weekends. They depend on the energy sector work to keep their farms going.
Thank You, Ellen Zurcher

From: [hilary wons](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:24:25 PM

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Why can we not make the States have the rights and the decision to proceed with the gas and oil pipes to run within there own boundaries. Why can't we take this out of the federal government hands ?

From: [Susan Kramer](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3/24/2021 doi forum - o&g drilling on public lands
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 6:50:33 PM

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Hello,

Would like to thank the DOI for holding this forum. Had an opportunity to listen to some but not all of the forum - interested in obtaining a recording of the forum -

The information was comprehensive and the discussions I heard were stimulating
Hoping to get more involved and welcome the opportunity to listen to the complete forum-

Thanks,
Susan Kramer
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307 360 7800

From: [Ondine Terrebonne](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] act as good stewards of protection, not cheap salespeople
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 11:27:42 AM

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Regarding the DOI's consideration of oil and gas interest and activities on federal land, I urge you to act as protectors of the land, the water, and the wildlife native to those lands.

Resist the temptation to sell off rights to the land to profiteers, whether they be oil, gas, mining, or cattle interests. Will this result in a loss of money? Of course, but the purity of the water and the unsullied wildness of the land and the creatures that live there is worth far more than money. You can't get it back.

Regarding the cruel roundups of wild horses and the unsafe and brutal sterilization methods proposed by some, concentrate all efforts to stop those things. Horses do not render the wild areas barren of forage and water as large herds of cattle do. The data supports the reality that cattle are rendering their grazing areas barren, only increasing the danger of widespread forest fires.

I fear that the Dept. of the Interior and especially the Bureau of Land Management has accepted as true whatever the man in a cowboy hat has to say. Look at the data, look at the facts--both will prove the oil, gas, mining and "big cattle" interests wrong and often untruthful. You can be lazy and believe them or you can get to work and do the right thing.

Please do the right thing.

Mrs. Terrebonne
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From: [rebeccapr](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Answer question
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:26:21 PM

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Is your solution to take the United States from being energy independent and forcing us to Buy oil from foreign countries that would love to kill us.... so please answer this question how can the United States alone save the world, if we're the only country that is going by the green new deal...Because China and Russia doesn't care.... save America and save the oil and gas industry...Keep us energy independent stop killing Americans an American jobs

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From: [Joan Woodward](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ban on new fossil fuel leases on federal lands
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 11:24:05 PM

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Dear Secretary Haaland,

I live in Grand Junction, Colorado most of the year and in the Tucson area in AZ during part of the winter. Both areas have been subject to severe draught in recent years, with resulting fires only miles from our homes in each location and with the Colorado river decreasing so substantially as to threaten the water supply in both states for human and animal consumption and for agriculture purposes. I am aware of the extreme conditions caused by climate change all over the world. I worry about the future for the sake of my grandchildren and for all the life on the planet.

For this reason, I am writing to ask you to recognize what the experts have already determined - that more burning of fossil fuels will spell disaster for the Earth and its inhabitants. The Biden Administration can take one very specific step: it can refuse to issue any new leases for fossil fuel extraction on federal land or in federal waters. I ask you to recognize the science and urge the President to take this step.

In the interest of curbing climate change, I thank you,.

Joan Woodward
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From: [courtney childress](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLM and Non-US citizens acquiring federal leases
Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 10:54:29 AM
Attachments: [RE \[EXTERNAL\] Question regarding who is allowed to bid and win BLM lands.msg](#)

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Good Morning,

My name is Courtney Childress and I am a Landman. I own a company that works as an Advocate for mineral owners. Part of our job is to research the area they own in. Determine who is buying, selling, permitting, etc.

Through my research for a client in New Mexico, I came across a woman named Levi Sap Nei Thang. She was a citizen of Myanmar and not a U.S. citizen. Mrs. Thang, whose background was in perfume and cosmetics, has accumulated 100,000 acres of federal leases in the past year. She has no experience in Oil & Gas.

This is 100K acres of federal lands that she is NOT required to drill. She also holds these leases for 10 years. I realized that Mrs. Thang had been obtaining various LLCs to purchase these leases. My concern was that if any non-U.S. citizen could acquire federal leases by creating LLCs then we had a real problem.

What would stop U.S. adversaries from acquiring our federal leases for the sole purpose of preventing us from drilling on that land?

I believe this to be a threat to our national security.

I reached out to the BLM on 11/06/2020 with these concerns (email attached). I then followed up on 12/09/2020. To date, I have not received a response from the BLM addressing my concerns.

These leasing loopholes need to be corrected and there needs to be more oversight on who is leasing our federal lands.

I appreciate your time. You may reach me by email or cell if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Courtney Childress
405-625-0687

From: [Tildon Jones](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLM leasing program comments
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:16:10 PM

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Dear Secretary Haaland,

I am pleased that the administration and Department are soliciting citizen input on the public lands leasing policies.

As a resident of Uintah County, Utah, I live in the center of an oil and gas development area. I live here because of the extensive public land and recreational opportunities they provide, and oil and gas development has limited or threatened those opportunities in the time I have lived here.

I have a couple of easy policy changes that could improve the leasing process and make it more accountable to the public:

- 1) Leases are issued for a defined amount of time, usually 10 years. If the leaseholder does not pursue development on the lease, the lease is supposed to expire. What I have seen is indefinite and unreviewed extensions of leases that should expire. The BLM should not automatically extend leases, and any lease extension should undergo public comment and NEPA review before being extended. Information and data change in 10 years, and the newest, best available information should be used to determine if a lease is still appropriate in a given area.
- 2) The BLM has considered lease offerings a "paper exercise" that does not lead to any action on the landscape. Because of this view, leases are often issued with known resource issues that must be analyzed and reviewed under NEPA once a drilling plan or application is received. I have seen examples of this for known wetlands within a river floodplain, designated recreational trails, and designated critical habitat for endangered species. None of these resource conflicts were considered significant enough to withdraw a proposed lease. Instead of allowing these resource concerns to go unaddressed, the BLM should weigh the impacts under the assumption a lease will be developed in some manner. This is not much different than the Master Leasing Plans proposed in the past, and makes sense as a reasonable approach to identifying sensitive resources and avoiding them in the first place. Many of the public lands debates are a result of having to defend sensitive areas over and over again as a result of proposed development. Knowing that important resources will be off limits from the beginning will help to avoid lengthy environmental reviews and increase efficiency within the program. It would also prevent speculation when energy prices increase and marginal leases might appear more lucrative.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that the Department will modernize and update the leasing program to the benefit of all our country's citizens, not just the companies that seek to benefit from exploiting our public trust. Living in a place where they do business, I can attest first hand that their interests are not in our local communities. When commodity prices plummet, they shut their doors immediately to leave behind laid-off workers and decimated local economies. I would encourage your Department to consider the long term average economic benefits these industries bring, and not just the selective boom year statistics that they will offer. A simple analysis of children on free and reduced lunch in this community will yield great insight to the "wealth" these industries actually offer.

Sincerely,
Tildon Jones
Vernal, UT

From: [Rachel Kaub](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Cc: [Rachel Kaub](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Can you share a recording of the 3/25/21 "Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum" ?
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 12:56:09 PM

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Hello.

Might you have a link to a recording of yesterday's "Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum" ?

Thank you.

Rachel Kaub
KGLP Station Manager

From: [steve wiley](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chaco Canyon and fracking
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:51:40 PM

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Any and all surface and subsurface exploration and development that might result in resource extraction of any kin in the greater Chaco Canyon National Heritage Park area must be forever banned. It is sacred to Native Americans and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Desecrating it in the name of fossil fuel development would be no different from the destruction of the colossal Bamiyan Buddhas in Afghanistan by the Taliban. We CANNOT do this.

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From: [Ruthe Hannigan](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] climate and fossil fuels
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 2:38:17 PM

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We only have one earth and we should be better stewards of protecting the air, land and water. We have not been doing a very good job for a long time, and I hope we are not too late to do a course correction. Given the technological advances in recent decades, we do not need to rely on fossil fuels anymore for our everyday needs (heating homes, cars, etc) and should be transitioning to renewable energy, which has become more cost effective.

I see our biggest problems to be climate deniers, and those invested financially in the fossil fuel and coal industry. People who work in oil, gas and coal could be retrained to work in these new solar, wind and electric vehicle industries--and many would have healthier and longer lives.

In any case, if we don't make this change, our children will undoubtedly suffer.

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From: [rick hagar](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Climate issues fossil fuels
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:36:01 AM

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Secretary Haaland

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new federal fossil fuel of the climate and extinction crises.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for states and communities that are economically dependent on and impacted by federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your help on this important issue!

From: [Simonsen, Janna](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: Recommend Oil and Gas Improvements
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 10:34:27 AM
Attachments: [oil and gas improvements.docx](#)

From: [Glover, James F](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: Suggestions for Federal Oil and Gas Program
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 12:57:52 AM
Attachments: [Suggestions for Federal Oil and Gas Program 4-15-2021.docx](#)

Dear Department of Interior,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions to inform your review of the Federal Oil and Gas Program.

I am a career BLM employee with the BLM's Onshore Oil and Gas Program.

The attached suggestions and recommendations have been informed by nearly 10 years of direct experience with the BLM and the Federal Oil and Gas Program.

I am happy to elaborate and provide you further information and background on any of these suggestions.

Sincerely,
James Glover

James Glover

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From: [jacki lopez](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] input on Executive Order 14008
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:31:48 PM
Attachments: [08_331Lopez06cr_FINAL.pdf](#)

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Please see the attached law review article which argues the U.S.'s fossil fuel leasing programs have worsened global greenhouse gas emissions, which fuels the climate change crisis and worsens flooding. It identifies the disconnect between subsidizing development in floodplains and the fact that the United States has made those floodplains even more vulnerable to flooding by leasing federal fossil fuels that contribute to the climate change crisis and sea level rise has cost U.S. taxpayers billions of dollars and put millions of people and our nation's most imperiled species at increased risk.

Flooding will only get more expensive and devastating, especially if the United States continues in "business as usual" fossil fuel extraction and emissions, disproportionately putting vulnerable communities at risk. We must immediately end federal fossil fuel leases and require that federal agencies that fund, authorize, or permit fossil fuel activities analyze the indirect greenhouse gas emissions impacts of those activities.

From: [Jason Warran](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Federal Oil and Gas Program
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 4:44:58 PM
Attachments: [interior421sc.pdf](#)

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Please see the attached comments that I am submitting with regard to the federal oil and gas program.

Thank you.

-- Jason Warran

From: [Suzanne](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments due Today
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:59:14 PM
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Please see the attached letter

Respectfully,
Dr. Steven P Bucci

From: [joe barton](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Joe Barton Interior Letter - Edits - 4.12.21.docx
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:21:45 PM
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From: [Joe Barton](#)
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:49 PM
To: [joe barton](#)
Subject: Joe Barton Interior Letter - Edits - 4.12.21.docx

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From: [Representative - Henderson, Bill](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Submission to DOI Forum FEDERAL OIL AND GAS PROGRAM
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:59:50 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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April 14 2021

The Honorable Deb Haaland,
Department of the Interior

Dear Secretary Haaland, please find attached my personal letter respectfully submitted to you as my comment for the DOI Forum FEDERAL OIL AND GAS PROGRAM (DOI soliciting public comment until April 15, 2021). If feasible, I would appreciate acknowledgement of your receipt. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Bill



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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Joe Barton Interior Letter - Edits - 4.12.21.docx
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Oil and Gas Leasing Review
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:24:47 PM
Attachments: [comments on BLM fluid mineral program.pdf](#)

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Please find my comments, attached. I request these be included in the Administrative Record.

Dennis Willis
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From: [Jessica Sanders](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Mexico Voice for comment
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:22:52 PM
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Dear Secretary Haaland:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to weigh in during the comment period, and help inform the Department of Interior's interim report on the issue of the Federal Oil and Gas Program.

As a teacher in New Mexico, I am particularly concerned about the federal leasing ban's impact on the education system and students who will subsequently suffer from the lack of revenue. New Mexico spends an estimated between \$11,500 to \$12,000 per child, and the state is actually on the [lower end of the spectrum on per child spending](#). Oil and gas in New Mexico has provided a critical \$1.37 billion for education, accounting for over one third of the state's education budget. That money helps support education related expenses like teacher salaries, workforce benefits and developing curriculum. More important, that money does more than provide for these critical resources for teachers. This financial support from federal leasing tax revenue ensures educational equity and access for our diverse New Mexico student and their needs across our state. Our children and the future of New Mexico deserve access to the educational opportunities that are created through these funds.

I respect those who have well-intentioned concerns about the impact of federal leasing has on the environment. However, the federal leasing ban would actually have worse consequences for the fight on climate action since New Mexico residents and businesses would have to increase our coal consumption, which would result in increased emissions. It is important to note that U.S. energy-related carbon dioxide (CO₂) [emissions](#) decreased in 2019 by 2.8% as a result of a shift from coal to natural gas.

The [Department of Interior notably distributed](#) over \$8 billion in tax revenue back to states from energy production on federal lands, which we are grateful for. New Mexico collected \$706.96 million in fiscal year 2020, more than any other state in the U.S. For those of us working in public education, this tax revenue is critical for our livelihoods. If this ban

becomes permanent, it is hard to imagine how our state will find a new source of revenue to replace these funds. Short of a replacement or large increases in taxes, the state will inevitably need to make cuts to budgets.

Even several of New Mexico's top officials have expressed concerns about the Biden administration's federal leasing policies. Just last month at the Great Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, New Mexico's Democratic Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham [said](#) she was "clearly concerned" about the policy and thought the state should receive an exemption because of its efforts to tackle change.

New Mexico's Democratic Senators Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Lujan also voiced concerns about the ban, and recently told [Reuters](#) that "they have asked for financial assistance to offset the impact of the moratorium and give certainty as they plan for the future, and explained that New Mexico might also need more time to transition away from drilling."

I am profoundly invested in this issue, as a teacher for Rio Rancho Public Schools, and more importantly, a mother of four children currently enrolled in the New Mexico public school system. I do not want to see a lack of funding prevent them, or any child, from achieving their full potential. I strongly encourage the Biden Administration to reconsider this damaging decision and allow federal leasing to continue for the benefit of our state's children and teachers. For more information on my views, please see my Albuquerque Journal op-ed below that I authored in February on these issues.

Sincerely,

Jessica Sanders, teacher in the Rio Rancho Public School system and the 2019 New Mexico Teacher of the Year

Addendum:

<https://www.abqjournal.com/2363517/bidens-energy-lease-ban-threatens-education-in-nm.html>



Biden's energy lease ban threatens education in NM

BY [JESSICA SANDERS / 2019 NEW MEXICO TEACHER OF THE YEAR](#)

Friday, February 26th, 2021 at 12:02am

I am a strong advocate for natural gas and oil development on federal lands specifically because of the benefits it provides to New Mexico's education system. Simply put, providing children with a quality education is expensive, and if a federal leasing ban becomes permanent, New Mexican students will suffer.

New Mexico spends an estimated between \$11,500 to \$12,000 per child, and the state is actually on the [lower end of the spectrum on per child spending](#). Oil and gas in New Mexico has provided a critical \$1.37 billion for education, accounting for over one third of the state's education budget. That money helps support education related expenses like teacher salaries, workforce benefits and developing curriculum.

Understandably, those who are familiar with these numbers were seriously [concerned](#) to see President Joe Biden [announce](#) a wide-ranging one year moratorium on new oil and gas leases on U.S. lands and waters after taking office in January. Stan Rounds, executive director of the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders, [commented](#), "While you appreciate the green policies for environmental issues, you can't strangle the revenue streams in New Mexico."

I respect those who have well-intentioned concerns about the impact of federal leasing has on the environment. However, the federal leasing ban would actually have worse consequences for the fight on climate action since New Mexico residents and businesses would have to increase our coal consumption, which would result in increased emissions. According to a recent [analysis](#) conducted by the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA), oil and natural gas production and development on federal lands in New Mexico accounted for \$1.5 billion in revenue and 18% of total state spending in fiscal year 2020. Further, the [Department of Interior notably distributed](#) over \$8 billion in tax revenue back to states from energy production on federal lands; New Mexico notably collected \$706.96 million in in fiscal year 2020, more than any other state in the U.S. For those of us working in public education, this tax revenue is critical for our livelihoods.

If this ban becomes permanent, it is hard to imagine how our state will find a new source of

revenue to replace these funds. Short of a replacement or large increases in taxes, the state will inevitably need to make cuts to budgets. Democratic State Representative Patricia Lundstrom, chair of the State House's Appropriations and Finance Committee [bluntly stated](#), "We're not a wealthy state. We have to stretch every dollar." On top of serious, valid, concerns about balancing a state budget following such a loss, it is critical to not ignore the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the state, before moving forward with a final decision on a permanent leasing ban.

The rapid shift to remote and hybrid learning has had devastating impacts on today's students. Despite educators, teachers and students' best efforts, learning loss is being recorded in staggering numbers. In fact, McKinsey & Company concluded that by the end of June, American students could [lose an average of five to nine months of learning](#). Now more than ever, education needs *more* funding not *less*. Additionally, New Mexico Congresswoman Yvette Herrell has pointed out this ban would cost our state [over 60,000 jobs by 2022](#), assuredly affecting the livelihoods of many of our students' households.

Equally worrisome to me is the prospect that the U.S. will have to rely on foreign countries to supply our fuel needs, particularly countries like Russia and others in the Middle East with inferior standards for environmental stewardship. In education, we teach our students to respect the environment, make informed decisions, honor standards set forth to maintain integrity of processes, and respect the rule of law. But it's hypocritical for the U.S. to depend on foreign countries for energy imports – as a consequence of this federal leasing ban – when we we're also importing their comparatively lax standards for these issues.

I am profoundly invested in this issue, as a teacher for Rio Rancho Public Schools, and more importantly, a mother of four children currently enrolled in the New Mexico public school system. I do not want to see a lack of funding prevent them, or any child, from achieving their full potential. I strongly encourage President Biden to reconsider his damaging decision and allow federal leasing to continue for the benefit of our state's children and teachers. Should President Biden fail to do so, I would plead to Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to ask the federal government for an exemption for New Mexico from this leasing ban, as she has previously pledged. She has a responsibility to her constituents to support policies with their best interests at heart.

Jessica Sanders is a teacher in the Rio Rancho Public School system and the 2019 New Mexico Teacher of the Year

Jessica Sanders
2019 New Mexico Teacher of the Year

From: [Guy Caruso](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to Secretary Haaland
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Dear Secretary Haaland
Please accept this letter commenting on Federal leasing policy.
Guy Caruso

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From: [Betsy Leonard](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment Letter
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Attachments: [Department of the Interior.docx](#)

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Department of the Interior,

Please accept my letter as a concerned resident. Thank you.

Betsy Leonard

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From: [Rocky Stone](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tree-planting the forest..
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 4:38:33 PM

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I would like to request some funding to replant the forest on the old Bill Chico Federal indian allotment. We also have a mistletoe problem, its killing all the trees in the cottonwood forest. Everything is dead or dying on our allotment. I think it has to do with an environmental impact. No environment, No impact. No me and no problem. Rocky Stone jr.

From: [Luttenberger, Rose](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 5:01:44 PM
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Hello!

Will there be a recording of this event?

Rose

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From: Philip.Baker-Shenk@hklaw.com
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] is there an agenda for the various panels -- time listings, panelists?
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 9:57:01 AM
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Thanks.

Regards, Phil

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From: [Pilmanis, Adrienne M](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: Energy Review input related to Reclamation
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 2:21:01 PM

Hello.

This comment/ comments relates to post-O&G development reclamation. Applies to other types of post development reclamation. I leave it to you to decide the degree to which DOI and US government will consider updating the definition of reclamation to be more equivalent with that of restoration, but as a biogeochemist and ecologist, I strongly suggest we move that direction. The following comments are directly consistent with the Biden administration objectives, as well as sound and modern science. All these comments reflect feasible improvements to how we manage public (and private) lands in the context of energy (and other) development.

Reclamation requirements are insufficient as regards ensuring the disturbed lands and ecosystem services are returned to healthy or pre-disturbance condition. In the status quo (and in the past), private and public lands and ecosystems are significantly damaged to produce private profit and support overall subsidized economic processes, and indirectly (meaning not just carbon emissions) global change associated with climate change.

You know bonds are insufficient, and others will comment on that, so I will comment from my expertise and experience working in BLM energy states WY, UT, and the Colorado Plateau Region since 2009.

Reclamation planning and implementation & monitoring need to be updated to match science. They were not made by scientists and support extraction and profit over sustainable resource management. Only minimal criteria exist for reclamation success and minimal types of data are required for pre-disturbance site characterization. In my experience suggestions for change or improvement are met with strong resistance – anything that might increase time, convenience, and cost to the producer and often land manager. Companies complain to elected representatives with the result being the stifling of change or improvement.

Modern methods of soil and microbiome analyses could be used to better characterize pre-disturbance site condition as well as progress towards post-disturbance site reclamation.

Reclamation plans should be required, not optional. Reclamation Policies should be enforceable, not suggestions/ optional.

Reclamation costs should be budgeted more realistically – not just \$1000 per acre for the entire scope of reclamation work (including dirt work, weed treatment, seeding, etc).

Reclamation plans generally include Topsoil Management Plans. Plans should also include Procurement Plans for the needed Plant Materials (seed, seedlings, biocrust propagules), because a common excuse from companies is that they couldn't find appropriate or approved plant materials to purchase once they get around to reclamation (e.g. all seed was already bought for post-fire efforts, or seed was too costly, or the native species were not available so they bought non-native species like Siberian wheatgrass or alfalfa and seeded that on public land). FYI I proposed policy to enact this in Wyoming during the Obama administration, but although Minerals & Lands managers

recognized the need, they were not interested in enacting new policy that would surely be challenged by O&G producers and mining companies.

Reclamation seeding/ planting should be viewed & managed similarly to other land surface projects involving seeding/ planting like post-fire, wildlife habitat, or weed management projects. Currently reclamation data (plans, implementation, tracking of effectiveness) is managed and tracked completely separately from other surface projects. It is very difficult to compile useful data on plant materials ordered, purchased, or effectiveness – BLM is not required to do so. You can get more information about this problem from BLM Lands & Minerals vs. Renewable Resources Divisions.

I am a continuous advocate for more consideration of reclamation plant material needs use and tracking, including in the context of the current Federal Interagency Working Group for the National Seed Strategy, and to the National Academy of Sciences Committee currently reviewing national Native Seed Needs and Capacities. You can see results of one simple effort to estimate seed needs on well pads alone here: <https://cpnpp-natureserve.hub.arcgis.com/app/67ee25fc31d94c4a95af02b0542667a5>. Such estimates could be greatly improved with more resources/ cooperation from BLM, improvement in BLM's permitting, tracking databases, policy, etc. Ditto for all lands in the country.

Energy development on arid lands (those lands of less interest to ranchers and farmers and thus deemed less economically valuable) is common on federal lands. Reclamation on those lands is very difficult as on all arid and semi-arid lands. Aside from obvious reclamation challenges of climate and precipitation or poor soils, a major problem is that plant materials development in the US has traditionally been done by USDA. Unfortunately, USDA does not view BLM as a customer – their plant materials work has not been done with dry rangelands and arid lands in mind (they mostly work to benefit farmers). As a result, there are few commercially available genetically appropriate seed sources for difficult reclamation projects (<https://cpnpp-natureserve.hub.arcgis.com/app/4f6861d2c1b548a39b9f206181701468>). This lack has never been reconciled with the energy development leasing and permitting process – development is approved regardless of how difficult the reclamation may be.

Obviously I could go on in more detail and on related topics. If these concerns are something DOI wants to take action to address, I will be happy to assist.

Kind regards,
Adrienne Pilmanis
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From: [Kathleen Brennan](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 1:15:55 AM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

The US is not consuming all the oil and gas is currently produces. We are now exporting oil and gas.

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Don't lease our publicly owned oil and gas. Save it!

Regards,
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From: doctr_d@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [James Doolittle](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop SoCalGas" rushed toxic expansion!
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021 12:30:46 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing to you because I am concerned about SoCalGas' plan to double the size of a historically faulty compressor station across the street from an elementary school in West Ventura, CA.

Identified as a methane super-emitter by NASA, the facility has had a bad track record of leaks and violations. It has also been home to numerous industrial uses over the decades. As a result, the property is contaminated by a number of harmful chemicals, including arsenic, lead, petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). A building slated to be torn down may also contain asbestos.

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) has plans to remediate the site by removing the soil's top layer. I am concerned that DTSC's workplan does not contain the safeguards needed to protect the community from lead-laden dust and airborne contaminants. This is especially alarming given that the site is directly across the street from EP Foster Elementary School and near hundreds of homes with children. Also, the Westside of Ventura is listed by the Cal EPA as a disadvantaged community already facing some of the highest pollution in all California. This should not be the site for any more pollution.

Many organizations and members of the Westside community wrote to DTSC expressing concern over the inadequate dust controls in the clean-up plan. The response from DTSC was not satisfactory. They have denied the community's request for a bilingual public hearing, stating a lack of public interest.

I urge you to join the community in demanding the Department of Toxic Substance Control hold an inclusive and bilingual hearing to address further questions. Also, that SoCalGas and government agencies conduct a full Environmental Impact Review of the entire expansion project, which is usually required for toxic projects of this size.

Sincerely,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Please act to preserve the Incomparable land of Wild Utah!!

As seems to be common with energy and resource extraction these days, companies are attempting to get leases for projects just because they can/ want to, and not because our country needs them!! This trend should stop NOW!!

I have spent many mind blowing days in the Wild Country of southern Utah-- it is a unique and irreplaceable place-- one of the few places on earth where a person can be almost completely alone with the amazing landscape and creatures and connect to a present that reaches back unbroken thousands of years to the past.

In addition, there is a direct connection to the ancient people who lived here hundreds and thousands of years ago that you can see and touch--rock paintings and house ruins that connect you like nowhere else in America, creating a grounding experience that allows one to step beyond present time.

If you haven't seen it, you should. And we need to preserve this place so that all that come after us have this same opportunity. Thanks so much for your interest and the good work you are doing, and will do, to stand up for the Future instead of just the Present!!

--Brett Reiersen, Desert Traveler

Regards,
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From: [Kelsey Crocker](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recommendations for DOI's O&G Program
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:04:33 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Kelsey Crocker, and I'm a DOI employee with experience working in the oil and gas programs for both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). I developed these recommendations in cooperation with James Glover, who is a BLM employee, based on our experiences working in these programs. (The usual disclaimer applies: the views represented herein are our own opinions as private citizens and do not necessarily reflect the past or present views of the Federal Government, etc.)

The recommendations below are organized by subject matter, then by importance. Thank you for the opportunity to provide information for the comprehensive review. I can be reached at this email address or at 303-257-6381 for any questions.

--Kelsey Crocker

A. Future Leasing and Permitting

1. **Analyze onshore oil and gas leasing programmatically** in a similar manner to BOEM's National Leasing Program, including a Programmatic EIS. BLM's current approach produces an individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for every single planning area and lease sale. Environmental analysis in this format is haphazard, wildly inconsistent between BLM states, and improperly piecemeals leasing into many smaller decisions in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
2. Similarly, the NEPA for BLM APDs is accomplished one at a time, or in small batches, through EAs to reach a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Particularly in areas with large-scale and continuous oil and gas development, **NEPA analysis for APD reviews should be conducted as part of a basin-scale Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** to properly account for the cumulative and indirect effects of so many individual wells being approved and drilled. BLM's current process of using EAs in a piecemeal manner to approve APDs circumvents the cumulative effects analysis requirements of NEPA. The EIS is the proper and correct NEPA document to use for such intensive and widespread development on public lands.
3. **Increase the royalty rate for new leases** consistent with the [GAO's findings](#) that doing so could decrease production but increase revenues (typical State and Private lease royalty rates are 18-25%+).
4. **Increase the minimum bid and rental for new onshore leases, and eliminate noncompetitive leasing.** Current low rates encourage land speculation (which creates an administrative burden for

BLM) and do not incentivize companies to develop their leases in a timely manner.

5. **Implement natural capital accounting and the social cost of carbon** into leasing and permitting NEPA to quantitatively assess the costs and benefits of the proposed action versus the no-action alternative.
6. **Eliminate royalty suspension volumes** for new offshore leases as part of a broader effort to eliminate government subsidies and incentives for oil and gas companies.

B. Management of Existing Leases and Wells

1. **Increase the bonding amount for wells** to an amount that would realistically cover the cost of plugging the well:
 - o Require a comprehensive economic evaluation at both the leasing and permitting stage to determine the realistic dollar amount that would be required to reclaim and plug wells developed and drilled.
 - o Regularly increase the amount to match inflation.
 - o Eliminate statewide/nationwide bonds.
2. **Train staff to evaluate the benefit to the public when considering discretionary requests** such as APD extensions and lease suspensions, instead of “rubber-stamping.” BLM and BOEM should conduct investigations of how these discretionary tools are used agency-wide.
3. **Decline to defend the prior Administration’s lease sale documents/decisions in court**, and allow these sales to be vacated if the NEPA analysis is flawed, incomplete, or otherwise unlawful.
4. **Exercise the Secretary’s discretion to cancel improperly issued leases.** Many leasing decisions contain faulty, flawed, or incomplete NEPA analyses and reviews.
5. **Develop official BLM policy that clearly prohibits operators from ‘drilling through’ Federal and Indian lands without a permit** and clearly identifies this as a trespass case. Current BLM policy is to allow ‘drilling through’ Federal and Indian lands without a permit.

C. Agency Changes for Transparent and Effective Regulation of the Oil and Gas Program

1. **BLM is an agency that suffers from regulatory capture.** The Department of Interior should conduct a comprehensive audit (similar to the review of MMS in 2010) of the BLM oil and gas program and take definitive actions (such as removal of deciding officials, prosecutions and punishments for regulatory violations, etc) to re-establish credibility and legitimacy to the program. A large body of academic and legal literature and experts exists on this subject and should be consulted.
2. **Split BLM's oil and gas program into pro-development and environmental enforcement halves like BOEM/BSEE.** In BLM, the deciding official that authorizes oil and gas leases is the same deciding official that signs off on the NEPA analysis for permitting drilling. This dual role creates an inherent conflict of interest since the same individual is responsible for both promoting development AND protecting the environment. For the same reasons that BOEM and BSEE were created as separate agencies from MMS, the BLM Onshore Oil and Gas Program should be split into two separate roles, where the pro-development actions and environmental enforcement actions are decided by different individuals under separate management structures. This would eliminate the conflict of interest and undue pressure currently placed upon BLM deciding officials.
3. **Reinstate and expand the DOI OIG’s Special Investigations Group** for oil and gas violations. SIG was a valuable investigative resource for the department until it was disbanded by the

previous Administration.

4. **Increase funding and staffing for technical education and training** for petroleum engineers and geologists. Institute comprehensive education for employees on their roles as regulators and their knowledge of laws and regulations.
5. **Re-structure BLM's table of organization and delegation of authority to enhance scientific integrity.** Technical reviews, analyses, and reports done by subject matter experts (SMEs) and specialists should not be subject to review or approval by the same management official that makes the final agency decision. All technical reviews and analyses should be independent and free from pressure that could unduly and improperly influence the results. Likewise, only subject matter experts or qualified specialists should be allowed to conduct technical reviews and analyses. Individuals in management or administrative roles should not have a decision role in scientific and technical evaluations.
6. **Require BLM and BOEM managers and officials to publicly post their calendars** and make all their meetings with industry representatives visible to the public.
7. **Require all BLM and BOEM oil and gas-related decisions to be posted publicly** (lease suspensions, APD extensions, State Director Reviews, etc) in a functionally searchable format.

From: [Jennifer Garrison](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments to Bureau of Land and Mineral Management, Department of Interior
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I attended the March 25, 2021 Department of Interior's virtual public forum on the federal oil and gas leasing program. As the Bureau of Land and Mineral Management assesses the future of oil and gas leasing on federal lands, I offer the following brief comments as a mineral owner group attorney in the Marcellus and Utica Shale play regions of Ohio and West Virginia.

Over the past ten (10) years, I negotiated group oil and gas leases on over 80,000 net mineral acres. Energy company lessees paid an advanced delay rental of \$4000.00 to \$6000.00 per net mineral acre for a five (5) year lease with an option to lease a second five (5) years at the same or higher rental. It was not unusual for royalties to be 20% of revenue realized with no deductions for internal expenses or capital expenses and in limited cases a gross royalty. The Wayne National Forest lands are adjacent to some of the acreage leased. In fact, the Wayne National Forest surface is often severed from the underlying oil and gas minerals, so the private entity mineral owner leased the minerals for \$4000.00 to \$6000.00 per net mineral acre for a five (5) year lease. If energy company lessees are willing to pay private individuals/entities market prices on oil and gas minerals under federal lands, why should the federal government accept \$1.50 per net mineral acre per year rental? When comparing the rentals and royalties paid to private mineral owners, it is clear the federal government and taxpayer are not receiving a fair return for the use of our natural resources. I strongly agree the program needs overhauled.

I am happy to discuss these comments further.

Sincerely,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil and gas leasing on public lands
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:05:38 PM

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I'm writing to encourage the Department of the Interior to stop selling leases for oil and gas development on public lands. It is time for a paradigm shift as the planet is in peril. There are plenty of current leases that are not being used to fuel the near future. It is time for the government to use policy to make the transition to clean energy.

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Dear Secretary Haaland,

I welcome President Biden's Executive Order calling for a "pause" in leasing our public lands for oil and gas extraction. However, it is not enough. Methane emissions from oil and gas operations drive climate change, a worldwide crisis that threatens health, safety, and life. Conventional pollutants from fracking poison the air, contribute to multiple diseases, and may increase susceptibility to our "other" crisis, COVID-19.

When multiple crises collide, strong steps are needed. Please take the next steps by making permanent your pause on oil and gas leases on public lands and waters, update the long-outdated Emergency Response Plan to include banning dispersants, fund baseline studies of human health, especially in children, in communities exposed to fossil fuel contamination, and expand community healthcare centers in underserved communities like Benndale, Mississippi.

Should you have any doubt about the toll of fossil fuels on people's health, please watch the film *The Cost of Silence* to see what's at stake in the decisions Interior makes. People around the Gulf of Mexico, especially in BIPOC communities, are still suffering debilitating and often fatal health consequences from the decade-old Deepwater Horizon disaster. BP has still not been held accountable.

We're counting on this administration to stand up to industry pressure, remedy historic and ongoing exposures, pollution, and illnesses, and protect communities from fossil fuels.

Thank you.

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warmly,

caitlin [she/they]
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embodied movement & mindfulness teacher | forest therapist | writer | freelance consultant

"between stimulus and response there is a space. in that space is our power to choose our response. in our response lies our growth and our freedom." - victor frankl

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I'm deeply concerned that the Biden administration is conducting an unnecessary and damaging review of the BLM's oil and gas leasing program on America's public lands. As stewards of our public lands, the BLM has balanced the many interests in utilizing public lands and has prudently allowed oil and gas leasing and development on our nation's public lands, thus ensuring plentiful, inexpensive, reliable, and readily available energy to power our national economy. Energy extraction and development funds state governments, schools, and provides millions of jobs were that otherwise would not exist. The BLM, state governments, and energy companies are aware of the need to protect wildlife, cultural treasures, and wild places and they work to ensure that negative impacts are avoided or minimized.

The Biden administration's irresponsible and reckless decision to cancel oil and gas leases will do nothing to mitigate climate change. For decades there have been countless publicized predictions of pending climate catastrophe ([The Extinction Clock](#)) and all have been embarrassingly wrong. Tying the issuing of new oil and gas leases to climate change is not supported by the scientific facts and by limiting supply, will raise the cost of energy, thus irreparably harming the U.S. economy and making the U.S. less competitive globally. By increasing the cost of energy, the cost of doing business will also increase, thus lowering the standard of living for millions of U.S. citizens.

Proponents of ending oil and gas leases on public lands claim that nearly a quarter of all U.S. carbon emissions come from fossil fuels extracted from our federal public lands. To avert climate disaster, they claim we must end oil and gas leasing on public lands. Their claim of impending climate disaster is not based on real world observations, but rather worst-case scenario computer models which have for decades never been even remotely close to reality. The facts are that 1. The U.S. carbon emissions are a small fraction of global carbon emissions, the vast majority of which are from naturally occurring sources. 2. Total global carbon emissions have been declining since at least 2006 and the U.S. leads the world in carbon emission reductions thanks to our increasing utilization of abundant natural gas to produce electricity. 3. CO₂ is an airborne fertilizer, not a pollutant, is essential for life on this planet. Increased CO₂ levels results in increased plant growth (crop yields) and a corresponding increase in biodiversity, all resulting in a greening planet. 4. The correlation between CO₂ levels and temperature is statistically insignificant, meaning there isn't one. The geological record proves that global temperature changes and CO₂ levels do not move in unison and that significant increases in air temperature proceed changes in CO₂ by hundreds of years. This disconnect between air temperatures and CO₂ can be seen over the last 150 years where temperatures have on have barely changed (.6 degrees) while CO₂ levels have increased from approximately 300ppm to 400 ppm.

An excellent source of current information can be found on www.co2science.org

The proponents of ending oil and gas leasing also make the claim that “passage of America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act would permanently keep in the ground greenhouse gas emissions equal to 5.7 percent of the carbon budget necessary to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.” The notion that there is a carbon budget that if fully implemented, would limit global warming to 1.5 degrees is pure fantasy. Our understanding of the world’s complex climate systems is poor at best. CO2 is a trace gas in our atmosphere and at approximately 400 ppm remains near historic lows. The thought that a trace gas can overwhelm the powerful naturally occurring drivers of our climate is not grounded in fact or reality.

To destroy the U.S. and world economies trying to reach some arbitrary, insanely expensive, and utterly unattainable goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees is both foolish and dangerous. The pandemic has had a huge negative impact on the energy sector and the oil and gas industry in particular. The decline in demand for oil and gas has coincided with the decline in economic activity. State budgets have been negatively impacted by the loss of revenue oil and gas companies provide. Workers in the energy sector have seen their lively hoods vanish.

Now that the pandemic is on the decline in the U.S. an economic recovery is gathering momentum and demand will surge for oil and gas to power the coming economic boom. The very last thing we need to do is make even more lands unavailable for leasing and drilling.

Please keep America's public lands accessible to oil and gas companies so U.S citizens can continue to enjoy the wealth generating benefits abundant oil and gas provide. Please make clean natural gas and nuclear power a central pillar of the administration's climate campaign.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to let you know that I oppose new oil and gas drilling on public lands and waters.

Fossil fuel development is a dirty and damaging practice that puts our natural environment and human communities at risk. New oil and gas leasing will exacerbate the effects of climate change as our nation and world struggle to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Your resources would be better spent on advancing solar, wind and other renewable sources of power.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Oakley
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From: [Ali Route](#)
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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Please protect our public lands and end fossil fuel drilling leases! We love Utah clean and pristine! Thank you

Regards,
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Dear Secretary Haaland,

First, let me say how thrilled I am that you are now our Secretary of the Interior. I support your hard work in this prestigious office. As a 40 year resident of New Mexico, and someone who has witnessed the methane emissions around Chaco Canyon and recently the threat to the Pecos River from new mining leases, I welcome President Biden's Executive Order calling for a "pause" in leasing our public lands for oil and gas extraction. However, it is not enough. Methane emissions from oil and gas operations drive climate change, a worldwide crisis that threatens health, safety, and life. Conventional pollutants from fracking poison the air, contribute to multiple diseases, and may increase susceptibility to our "other" crisis, COVID-19.

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Thank you. Thrilled you are our new Secretary of the Interior.

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Hello,

My name is Briana. I live in Los Angeles, CA. I'm a filmmaker by trade. In my spare time, I volunteer with the Surfrider Foundation's LA chapter, an ocean conservation non-profit. As you might imagine, I oppose any further expansion of offshore development for oil and gas and I'm more than happy to tell you why. From cradle to grave oil and gas take more than they give. The seismic blasting used to locate deposits and the infrastructure needed to extract oil and gas is caustic to marine life and ocean health. Our oceans, although mighty, can not withstand the burden of the oil and gas industry. In other words, our seas have received zero return on investment from oil and gas development. Science has spoken and the people have spoken. This country's fixation with oil and gas has to drastically decrease. Let this urgent need for change fuel innovation. Instead of making plans that keep oil and gas afloat, there can be more efforts put toward renewable industry growth. The ocean will be a key player in our collective climate solution strategy. I can not emphasize enough how important it is that we move away from oil and gas development. Public health is at stake. The environment is at stake. I do not believe that there is an overnight solution to any of the problems connected to offshore oil and gas development, of which there are plenty, but what I do know is that for there to be progress we have to make changes. It is not lost on me that there is a community of people that rely on the oil and gas industry for income. Certainly, divesting from oil and gas development will cause economic shifts that will require time and critical thinking to surpass. As you evaluate the next best options for our country's health and well-being, we will have to consider the longevity of our people and our planet. I am reminded of the Great Law of the Haudenosaunee, an ancient Iroquois philosophy that states "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations." As policy makers, I urge you to consider the impact of seven generations of the American people, not just those with a vested interest in

oil and gas development. The people are willing to make changes but we need to be given a fair shot. We, the people, need the support of policy makers.

Thank you for your time,
Briana Bard

From: [Jane Gimler](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:02:57 PM

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The Honorable Deb Haaland
Secretary of the Interior
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington DC 20240
energyreview@ios.doi.gov

Dear Secretary Haaland:

As a longtime coastal resident and a professional working with businesses and citizens in my community, I am asking that you do not impose a ban on offshore drilling.

Coastal communities depend on the offshore oil and gas industry as a critical part of our economy. Our region will bear the brunt if President Biden's decision to ban federal offshore leases becomes permanent.

Tax revenue from the oil and gas industry directly funds the Rainy Day Fund in Texas as well as our schools, firefighters, and roads. The consequences of a ban for families, students and communities would be enormous.

Doing something drastic like banning offshore leases seems unnecessary considering air emissions in our country are down, largely because we are using more natural gas for power generation. With costs so great for coastal residents, a leasing ban is a step in the wrong direction.

Thank you,

Jane Gimler, Corpus Christi, Texas

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From: [Mary Greene](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recall: National Wildlife Federation et al. Comments on oil and gas program review
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:57:31 PM

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Mary Greene would like to recall the message, "National Wildlife Federation et al. Comments on oil and gas program review".

From: s_asplund=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Stephanie Asplund](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:12:27 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I live in Utah, surrounded by abundant and incredible public lands and potential reusable energy sources, and I very much value all our public lands and waters. I am also sick of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe, extreme and dangerous, causing massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, dirties our air, sickens nearby communities, destroys our climates, and it's devastating public lands. It must end.

To combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Asplund
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From: [Nick and Ronda King](#)
To: [Joan Brown,osf](#)
Cc: [Energy Review](#); [Kayley Shoup](#); [chris Fierro](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Energy review comments DOI
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Very well done and stated. Thanks and keep up the good work.
Nick

Nicholas and Ronda King
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On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 10:45 AM Joan Brown,osf <joankansas@swcp.com> wrote:

April 15, 2021

SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL: energyreview@ios.doi.gov

Re: Comments on Energy Review of Department of Interior

From: Citizens Caring for the Future

Contact: Kayley Shoup, Organizer with Citizens Caring for the Future
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The Honorable Deb Haaland

Secretary of the Interior

1849 C Street

Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland:

Thank you for allowing comments on the Energy Review in the Department of Interior. This issue is of great concern to those of us living in the Permian Basin in Southeast New Mexico. Citizens Caring for the Future is a group of faith leaders and ordinary citizens who formed about two years ago because our voices were not being heard over the loud voices of industry and local political power brokers in our region. While we realize that transition from oil and gas will take time, we do believe that some changes need to be made and citizens should not be taken advantage of nor future generations compromised.

We live day in and day out with pollution, concerns about water as we live into an exceptional drought, climate change, health problems and cycles of economic boom and bust which are all related to the oil and gas industry in our region. While our region relies on this industry for some jobs and economic base, this is not our entire economy and in ways it has adversely affected our agriculture and tourist economies as well as quality of life.

The federal oil and gas leasing program is broken and terribly out of step with the needs of our 21st century economy. It seems that oil and gas companies have gotten many advantages and deals and we are not sure that these really help ordinary citizens and our region. In some ways it feels like our public lands are almost given away for leasing in extraction. For far too long, the leasing system has prioritized development at the expense of wildlife, recreation, clean air and water, and fair returns to taxpayers.

We welcome a commitment and direction that ensures that our public lands are managed to best serve the public interest by temporarily pausing leasing in order to undertake the first comprehensive review of the leasing program in decades. We also wonder if changes in fiscal rates could provide the money that frontline communities need in order to sustain needed infrastructure in an active oil and gas region. Infrastructure such as adequate air monitors, GPS controlled trucks that keep produced water from being dumped illegally, safe roads, and healthcare facilities that can handle some of the accidents that are so common in frontline communities as well as health studies and services to address what appear to be increased incidences of bronchial problems and cancers.

During the review, we encourage the administration to embrace a number of solutions and reforms, which we have included below.

- A new mandate must be adopted for the oil and gas leasing program. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has long-operated under the belief that leasing is statutorily required and therefore should be elevated above other uses. The Interior Department must recognize that leasing is not in fact mandated by federal law, and that leasing on public lands should be allowed only if and when consistent with the principle of multiple use, which is necessary for managing public lands for the

long-term needs of future generations.

- In order to address the speculative leasing practices [that have become so rampant on public lands](#), it is necessary to prohibit the leasing of lands identified through planning documents as having low or no potential for oil and gas development. BLM does not currently account for development potential when deciding whether lands should be open or closed to leasing, or when deciding which lands to offer for leasing. As a consequence, [90 percent](#) of BLM lands have been opened to leasing even though less than a quarter of public lands have moderate to high development potential. The Interior Department should issue a new policy that prevents making lands with low and no development potential eligible for leasing in land use plans and available for leasing at auction, including incorporating provisions from Senator Cortez Masto's [bill](#) to statutorily prohibit leasing on low and no potential lands.

- Noncompetitive leasing is another incredibly wasteful practice of the oil and gas leasing system that allows for industry to scoop up public lands via backdoor deals that hardly ever provide any benefit back to taxpayers. [99 percent](#) of noncompetitive leases never enter production in their primary terms, and yet they still managed to [tie up](#) over 2.9 million acres of our public lands between 2009 and 2018. This process must be eliminated, and the Interior Department should include a finding in their report stating the need for Congress to pass the legislation necessary for doing so.

- The orphaned well crisis on public lands is increasing in urgency, particularly as the number of oil and gas companies [filing for bankruptcy continues to rise](#). Insolvent companies should not be able to shift their clean-up costs onto taxpayers and private landowners. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has estimated that as many as [99 percent](#) of the bonds for wells currently operating on federal lands are insufficient for covering remediation costs if any of those wells were to become orphaned. In order to address the root cause of the problem, the Interior Department should eliminate nationwide bonding and increase individual and statewide bonding requirements, drawing on the provisions included in the bonding reform [bills](#) that Senator Bennett and Representative Lowenthal have both [introduced](#).

- Lastly, if leasing is to continue, oil and gas companies must start fairly compensating taxpayers for developing on the public lands that belong to all of us. Outdated fiscal rates are exploiting our public lands resources, and it is estimated that taxpayers [lost](#) up to \$12.4 billion in revenue from oil and gas drilling on federal lands from 2010 through 2019 due to the century-old royalty rate of 12.5 percent. GAO has stated that modernizing the oil and gas royalty rate could [increase](#) revenues to both federal and state governments by \$20 to \$38 million per year, and there is strong, [bipartisan](#) support in Congress for updating this rate as well as rental rates and minimum lease bids. The Interior Department should commit to bringing these rates up to account for the cumulative costs of

development and to align with market rates.



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From: [Tamara Grenier](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fossil Fuel Policy
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:50:16 PM

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Dear Secretary Haaland,

I welcome President Biden's Executive Order calling for a "pause" in leasing our public lands for oil and gas extraction. However, it is not enough. Methane emissions from oil and gas operations drive climate change, a worldwide crisis that threatens health, safety, and life. Conventional pollutants from fracking poison the air, contribute to multiple diseases, and may increase susceptibility to our "other" crisis, COVID-19.

When multiple crises collide, strong steps are needed. Please take the next steps by making permanent your pause on oil and gas leases on public lands and waters, update the long-outdated Emergency Response Plan to include banning dispersants, fund baseline studies of human health, especially in children, in communities exposed to fossil fuel contamination, and expand community healthcare centers in underserved communities like Benndale, Mississippi.

Should you have any doubt about the toll of fossil fuels on people's health, please watch the film *The Cost of Silence* to see what's at stake in the decisions Interior makes. People around the Gulf of Mexico, especially in BIPOC communities, are still suffering debilitating and often fatal health consequences from the decade-old Deepwater Horizon disaster. BP has still not been held accountable.

We're counting on this administration to stand up to industry pressure, remedy historic and ongoing exposures, pollution, and illnesses, and protect communities from fossil fuels.

Respectfully,

Rev. Tamara Grenier

Rev. Tamara Tomasini Grenier

"The essence of the beautiful is unity in variety" Felix Mendelssohn

"We are here to awaken from the illusion of separateness" Thich Nhat Hanh

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From: [john](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public land oil and gas lease program
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:47:34 PM

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I support rigorous review of all oil and gas leases by biologists to determine impact on wildlife habitat and migration. Any impact on those should constitute reason to reject any leasing.

Thank you for considering my comment.

John Hamburg

Eugene, OR 97404

From: [Langdon Page](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment, Fossil Fuels
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:42:28 PM

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Thank you.

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From: [Diana Ames](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Management of Oil and Gas Leases on Public Lands
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:27:42 PM

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I am writing to urge the Department of the Interior and its Bureau of Land Management to completely modernize their oil and gas lease operations on public lands.

It is unconscionable that huge tracts of public lands have been offered for lease without regard for conservation of critical wildlife habitat, preservation of areas of cultural significance, or management to help mitigate climate change.

Oil and gas lease must also be managed to ensure a transparent and competitive process and achieve fair market returns to taxpayers.

People are sick of dirty air and water and other environmental degradation generated by the oil and gas industry. Wasteful and climate-threatening activities such as unnecessary flaring, leaking, and venting of toxic gases must be halted.

In the face of aging infrastructure that permits these contaminants to pollute our lands, air, and waterways, it is imperative that proper bonding to ensure funds for complete and prompt clean-up of industrial operations is in place. Host communities and taxpayers should not be made to bear the burden of orphaned wells and other liabilities created by for-profit corporations.

Forward-looking stewardship will also consider that major automakers including General Motors, Ford, and Volvo have announced plans to transform to production of only electric vehicles, making appropriate adjustments to leasing practices to reflect these new norms.

Public lands, which belong to all Americans, must be scrupulously managed with the level of stewardship that is befitting of these valuable resources. Most importantly, their potential to impact climate change – a life threatening emergency – must be brought to bear upon all decisions regarding their use.

Sincerely,

Diana Ames
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From: [Dena Kurt](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:15:36 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

As you begin a much overdue review of gas and oil-leasing policies on DLM lands, please also consider the impacts of alternative options. A big push is under way to build bigger, longer and larger transmission lines, along with utility-scale wind and solar arrays. These energy systems come with enormous environmental, economic, health and social justice impacts that are being disregarded, discredited and ignored.

Like coal in its infancy, utility-scale "renewables" come with a tremendous environmental price tag that will become a burden too much to bear over time. I am watching the destruction of the Mississippi Upper Wildlife Refuge and the lands of the Driftless Areas of Wisconsin and Iowa - all in the name of renewables! The immediate, short-term and long-term cumulative effects of swapping out one bad choice for another bad choice is not acceptable. Thorough environmental reviews, including careful consideration of alternatives - energy efficiency, in particular, should be a part of an overall plan - the new transmission buildout scheme and accompanying monstrous and destructive industrial wind and solar are hastening our earth's destruction - not stopping it. Please, please, please - take time to meet with folks of the midwest who are experiencing first-hand the death of our lands. Stop listening to big corporate dollars and start listening to real people. I am so afraid that the Biden administration may only accelerate a process that will lead us down a road to no where - don't give up oil and gas leases, just to turn them into transmission, wind and solar leases.

Thank you for listening. If you are real people, please let me know.

Regards,
Dena Kurt
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Hazel Green, WI 53811

From: [Sharon Clarke](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No New Lease Sales
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:09:15 AM

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Dear Secretary Haaland,

Thank you for your courage, strength, energy, and commitment to the natural world. As you well know, the decisions that are made today will affect generations to come as well as all species who do not have a voice.

We have known about climate change for many years and have lacked the leadership and motivation to focus on the future of the planet and have instead catered to special interest groups motivated by greed and selfish desires. Droughts, wildfires, hurricanes and other extreme weather events, as well as sea level rise are constant reminders of our lack of courage to tackle this apex issue. Low-income communities and communities of color are disproportionately affected by climate change.

The science is clear and has been for a long time. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warns we have less than 10 years, until 2030, to reduce global emissions by half if we have even a chance at avoiding warming greater than 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Fully considering the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction makes the decision easy. There is no room in the global carbon budget for new fossil fuel developments. Please end new leasing on public lands and waters. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon Clarke

From: [CenturyLink Customer KENNETH FISCHER](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas Exploration and Production on Federal Lands Comment.
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:15:30 PM

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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my position regarding oil and gas exploration and production on federal lands. Quite frankly it has ruined the Badlands of North Dakota since the early 1980's. The dust, traffic and potential ground water pollution is bad enough but the real deal breaker is hiking in a mile or two only to crest a hill to find a new road and oil well where the mule deer used to bed. It is great to have cheap gas and energy independence, but cheap gas only encourages less conservation and it makes no sense to waste it overseas at fire sale prices (Keystone XL Pipeline).

I imagine the leases are already sold but if there is any way to prevent oil and gas development in the UL Bend and CMR (Charles M Russel) of eastern Montana please do so. It seems to be an unfortunate fact and a curse that oil and gas are found in some of the most beautiful or fragile places on earth (i.e. Bears Ears Monument, ANWAR, etc.).

Sincerely,

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From: klmasters420@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kerry Masters](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] stop oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:27:52 PM

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Dear Haaland,

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Kerry Masters
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From: [Pam M](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No New Lease Sales
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:57:33 PM

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Hello,

I urge you to not permit any new lease sales. There are plenty already, polluting the environment.

Thank you,
Pam Mayberry
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(814) 706-4890

From: [Louise Mehler](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protect Our Future: No More Fossil Fuel Leases
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:49:42 PM

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The Honorable,

Dear Secretary Haaland,

It is a great relief to have a capable steward like you managing our public lands. Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I have every confidence that the review will be thorough and rigorous. In general terms, though, we know what any honest review must show: We cannot permit new fossil fuel development and have any chance of keeping our planet liveable.

I urge you to direct your agency to include the full social, economic and environmental costs of fossil fuel policies in their review. Then organize broad cooperation among federal agencies, Congress, Tribes and state governments to manage an orderly decline of federal fossil fuel production and an equitable transition for impacted communities.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you again for your climate leadership.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Louise Mehler
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From: [Jeffrey F Kupfer](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments regarding the federal oil and gas program
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:25:39 PM

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The Honorable Deb Haaland, Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
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Dear Secretary Haaland:

I am writing in connection with the public forum on the federal oil and gas program that was held on March 25, 2021. As someone who has experience in senior government positions, as well as in the industry and the nonprofit sector, I thought it would be helpful to provide my perspective.

In recent years, natural gas has delivered tremendous benefits to the U.S., both in terms of savings for consumers and as a tool in the ongoing fight against climate change. Given the advantages natural gas brings to the table, continuing a ban on federal leasing for oil and gas would represent a step backward for the U.S. To the extent that there are concerns about the current implementation of the leasing program and the production of the natural gas, they should be addressed directly rather than through a blanket ban.

First, the availability of U.S.-produced natural gas carries significant benefits for American households. A 2019 [study](#) from the White House Council of Economic Advisors found that lower energy prices - primarily because of enhanced U.S. natural gas production - saved U.S. consumers \$203 billion annually, or over \$2,500 for a family of four. Should a ban on federal leasing continue, natural gas prices are likely to rise due to decreased supply, jeopardizing those positive developments.

Second, natural gas comes with important benefits to the environment. According to the EPA, a broad switch from coal to natural gas helped to reduce U.S. net greenhouse gas emissions by 10% from [2005 to 2018](#). Curtailing federal oil and natural gas leasing could lead to some reversion to coal use, meaning more emissions that contribute to climate change. This possibility is already raising red flags in some quarters, with the Energy Information Administration recently [projecting](#) that higher natural gas prices – something that is even more likely to occur with a moratorium on federal leasing – would cause coal’s share of power generation to increase from 20% in 2020 to 23% in 2022.

Third, a ban on federal leasing will remove important revenue for federal and state

governments. In New Mexico, where about two thirds of the state's natural gas production occurs on federal land, federal leasing brings hundreds of millions of dollars in state revenues. In September 2018, for example, just three lease sales in that state accounted for more than \$466 million in much-needed revenue. *Please see below for my column in the [Albuquerque Journal](#) outlining the economic hardship a federal leasing ban could have on western states like New Mexico.*

On the federal level, the revenue actually contributes to important conservation efforts around the country. Just last month, for instance, the Department of the Interior [announced](#) nearly \$249 million for coastal conservation, restoration and hurricane protection programs in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. If anything, one should consider increasing the federal royalty rate, which has not changed in 95 years, to reflect market realities and to support meaningful programs like the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

If the U.S. really wants to lead on climate change, the administration should be leaning into the benefits of natural gas, not walking away. If there are specific concerns about responsible and safe development, they should be addressed. That's a much better approach than a blanket ban on production of oil and gas on federal lands.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Kupfer

Former Acting Deputy Secretary of Energy; Adjunct Faculty at Carnegie Mellon University

Don't ban natural gas wells on federal land

BY JEFF KUPFER / FORMER ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY OF ENERGY, GEORGE W. BUSH ADMINISTRATION

Monday, November 16th, 2020 at 12:05am

If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that we shouldn't take good things for granted. And so while we appropriately focus most of our attention on COVID-19, we should also make sure that we don't lose sight of how important natural gas has been in powering America and leading the charge to a cleaner environment.

Recognizing the benefit of natural gas is especially relevant as we evaluate energy policies in the context of the presidential campaign. Since a March 2020 Democratic debate where former Vice President Joe Biden's comments generated confusion about his actual position, he has repeatedly emphasized that he would not ban hydraulic fracturing. That's good, as a blanket ban would have crippled domestic natural gas production and caused significant economic and national security harm.

At the same time, he has reiterated his position not to lease any more federal land for oil and gas production. This proposal is part of his overall plan to develop clean energy, and some of his ideas are constructive. But this specific one, a broad ban that covers all federal land and water regardless of location or what else it could be used for, isn't good for the country as a whole or for many states in particular.

Take New Mexico, where about 2/3 of the state's natural gas production occurs on federal land.

In September 2018, three lease sales raised a record \$972 million, delivering more than \$466 million in much-needed revenue to the state. A federal leasing ban could really hurt the state economy, costing over 5% of total jobs in the state in 2022, according to a study from the American Petroleum Institute.

That's just one reason why Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham says she'll ask for an exemption from any future drilling ban.

Acknowledging the tax revenue contributions to education funding, Lujan Grisham explained to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association conference in Santa Fe (in October 2019) that "without the energy effort in this state, no one gets to make education the top priority."

The good news? Natural gas has enjoyed solid support across party lines.

President Obama seemed to understand the vast benefits of natural gas, including the fact that it was appropriate to drill for it on federal lands. During his tenure, natural gas production rose 40%, from approximately 20 million cubic feet to more than 28.4 million cubic feet.

In a 2012 presidential debate, he stated, "We've opened up public lands. We're actually drilling more on public lands than the previous administration. ... And natural gas isn't just appearing magically; we're encouraging it and working with the industry."

Biden would be wise to follow his predecessor's playbook....

Increased production has translated into lower energy prices for consumers and more jobs. A 2019 study from the White House Council of Economic Advisor noted that because of lower natural gas prices, the shale revolution saved U.S. consumers \$203 billion annually, or over \$2,500 for a family of four.

It has also helped to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. According to EPA, more natural gas meant net greenhouse gas emissions went down by 10% from 2005 to 2018. But if natural gas prices rise, and a ban on federal leasing is likely to contribute to higher prices, those positive developments could be negatively impacted. The Energy Information Administration recently projected that higher natural gas prices would cause coal's share of power generation to increase from 18% to 22% in 2021.

Natural gas has already delivered wins for the environment, consumers and state economies like New Mexico's. A blanket ban on production of oil and gas on federal lands threatens to reverse those positive developments.

A better approach would be to recognize the benefits and work to make sure that the production is handled responsibly and safely. If what the United States is doing has been delivering a winning hand, logic suggests that we should keep doing it.

From: mk4104@columbia.edu
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Oil and Gas Leasing Program on Federal Lands and Waters
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:13:34 PM

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I am forwarding recommendations for changes that should be made to the federal oil and gas leasing program on the following topics:

- Methane emissions regulations, including reporting,
- Natural gas flaring,
- Royalties, and
- Abandoned wells

Multi-step Legal Approach to Restoring Regulations on Methane Emissions and Flaring

- A multi-step legal approach should be pursued first getting the 2016 methane and flaring rules back in place, and then initiating a new rule-making process to improve them. Reinstating the 2016 rule would probably be the fastest way to achieve more stringent methane emissions and flaring reductions. BLM should:
- Join the appeal of the Wyoming case that vacated the 2016 Waste Prevention Rule and reverse the Trump Administration's appeal of the California ruling that vacated the Rescission of the 2016 Rule.
- Once the appeals process for the Wyoming case is completed, initiate a new rule-making process to strengthen the 2016 Rule.

Improve Legal Defensibility of Waste Prevention Rule

- Depending on the outcome of the appeal of the Wyoming case on the 2016 Rule, BLM may need to develop evidence that shows that the rule is a necessary and appropriate means of preventing waste, while the justification should still include health and environment co-benefits. The 2016 Rule had been vacated primarily on the grounds that BLM was not deemed to have the authority to protect the environment and regulate air emissions.
- If the appeal of the Wyoming case on the 2016 Rule does not resolve questions about BLM's authority to protect the environment on federal lands, a clearer reference needs to be made in the new rule to BLM authority to protect the environment, air and atmosphere on federal lands under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

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Leak Detection

- BLM should organize a third-party subscription-based regional methane emissions leak detection system on federal land that includes all the operators and wells within a region to take advantage of the best available technology and take advantage of scale

and lower costs. These regional LDAR systems should be managed and staffed by a third party. A leak detection system could include satellites, ground sensors, drones, helicopters or airplanes. Cost-sharing in proportion to production would help defray the cost of modern leak detection and repair (LDAR) for small operators and marginal wells. Those who join the service would have the advantage of third-party certification of their emissions levels. That would allow good performers' gas to comply with European emissions standards for LNG imports. As a market for clean gas develops, they would also be able to command a higher price for their gas. If operators refuse to join, their emissions data would still be captured and published by this system but they will also need to comply with the 2016 Rule's LDAR requirements on their own and explain significant differences with the subscription system data.

Reporting Emissions

- Encourage the use of innovative technology to make emissions reporting simpler for the operators and more timely and more transparent for BLM and the public. Encourage the use of innovative technology such as sensors and satellites. The regional system described above under Leak Detection would be helpful from a transparency viewpoint since it would have a third party collecting the data. The regional LDAR system should be the primary way that companies are judged to be in compliance with methane emissions rules. The BLM should publish the emissions data collected from both company-reported data and from regionally-collected emissions subscription-service data in an easy-to-use format, making the data more transparent to BLM, the companies and the public. Companies would need to explain substantial differences between reported and third party collected regional emissions data.
- Companies should be required to report emissions from flaring, venting and methane leaks separately. Today, some state regulations don't distinguish between venting and flaring (e.g., Texas).
- To reduce the reporting burden on producers and make the data more transparent to policy makers and the public, a common portal should be established for all of the emissions reporting agencies (e.g., EPA and BLM/BSEE, States) for electronic reporting. The data needs to satisfy each different agency's reporting requirements. However, an attempt should be made by a central coordinator to reduce overlap and make sure the best technology is being used to measure emissions.

Other Methane Emissions Issues

- Under the provisions on "Pneumatic Controllers and Pumps" of the 2016 Waste Prevention Rule, assess what can be done about intermediate bleed controllers because they are responsible for 88% of the emissions from pneumatic controllers.
- Analyze the impact of the existing emissions / flaring and new rules on low-income groups and native communities. Environmental justice benefits should be included in any cost-benefit analysis.

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Flaring

- There is a process in the 2016 Waste Prevention Rule whereby BLM can adjust the targets from the gas capture rules if the cost of compliance for small operators or marginal wells is deemed too high. Since there are many marginal wells and small operators, at a minimum, routine flaring should be banned for all producers regardless of size. The policy should be phased in over multiple years.
- Equipment standards should be provided for flares, while still allowing innovative technology that improves performance. The Environmental Defense Fund did an aerial

survey of more than 300 sites in the Permian Basin and found that roughly 1 in 10 flares was unlit or malfunctioning such that methane was being vented into the atmosphere. Recommendations include:

- Efficiency standard for flares
- Required reporting of the content of emissions from flares
- Requirement that flares be lit. There is no such requirement today.
- Required detection of unlit flares along with a device that automatically reignites them.

Royalties

- If leasing on federal lands resumes after the 60-day moratorium, increasing royalty rates on new leases should be considered. The current 12.5% royalty rate hasn't been changed for 100 years and higher rates can be observed on private and many states' lands. However, federal leases also need to be competitive with private leases in order to generate investment and revenues. At the same royalty rate, leases on federal land may not be competitive with leases on private lands. Federal leases have greater permitting delays, which reduces the value of the lease by pushing revenues out in time.
- BLM should assess the competitiveness of federal leases to determine how much the royalty rate can increase without shutting off a large portion of new production. The negative impact to the economics of raising royalty rates could be partially offset by ensuring there were sufficient BLM personnel to avoid major delays in permitting, which detracts from the economics.

Abandoned Wells

- The U.S. Congress should fund BLM to plug abandoned oil and gas wells on federal land, which could be justified as a jobs program in addition to reducing methane leaks. The value of bonds on new leases should also be increased to adequately cover the cleanup costs. Methane emissions from abandoned wells correspond to 1–13% of methane emissions from the energy sector in the U.S. inventory. In addition, methane leaks are a safety hazard and have caused several high-profile explosions. The U.S. General Accountability Office (GAO) has reported on the size of this problem on federal lands and indicated that operators' up-front bonds were too small to fully cover clean-up costs.
- Offshore wells should also be included in this program. There are 19,000 wells in the Federal Gulf of Mexico that have not produced oil or gas in at least one year, and over 12,000 wells have never produced commercial quantities of oil and gas and yet still have not been permanently plugged and abandoned. More research is needed on how much methane leakage there may be from idle offshore wells in the Gulf of Mexico.

I would be happy to discuss any of these recommendations further, and my contact information is found below. Thank you for your attention.

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

As a member of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, I am still celebrating your leadership!

I am writing to ask you to permanently stop fossil fuel drilling on federal public lands. Public lands currently represent an unacceptably large proportion of total air pollutants in the US. It's time to change this and to have public land practices serve as models for the rest of the country as we move away from outdated sources of energy.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: gregwalcher@gmail.com
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April 14, 2021

The Honorable Deb Haaland
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland,

As a native of Western Colorado, and lifetime activist in environmental conservation, I want to offer some insights on the impact the Federal Oil and Gas Program will have on my home state if the Administration moves forward on the ban. I hope to help inform Interior's interim report.

Colorado benefits economically and environmentally from federal leasing, and halting these efforts will have an adverse effect on the state's growth, and on its vital conservation efforts. In fiscal year 2019, Colorado received the third-highest disbursement of any state at [\\$108.05 million](#) from the Interior Department. In 2020, Interior collected [\\$113.7 million](#) in revenue from oil, gas, and other natural resources on federal lands in Colorado. These funds are vital to Colorado's communities, supporting schools as well as numerous conservation programs.

Colorado produces some [646 billion cubic feet of natural gas](#) on federal land annually, providing one of the cleanest forms of energy. It is important to note, only 15 percent of all the state's federal land is open to production, while the Bureau of Land Management currently manages [nearly 5,000 leases](#) on that acreage.

According to a [study by the Global Energy Institute](#), if energy production on federal lands were ended, Colorado could lose 50,000 jobs (15,300 direct, 34,700 indirect and induced), and as much as \$125 million in annual royalty collections. These would be significant losses, and would not be welcome news to Colorado communities, where thousands earn their livelihoods from energy that depends on federal leasing.

Please reconsider this extreme approach of banning all federal land leasing. It would prove devastating to not only Colorado, but several other western states as well. Oil and gas development can be responsible, while also protecting the environment. The two are not mutually exclusive.

For two columns I have written on this topic in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, please see:

https://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/columns/picking-losers-and-more-losers/article_b70bfdd2-884c-11eb-b895-7f8099514e69.html

https://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/columns/but-thats-where-the-money-is/article_414913f0-0444-11eb-b3d1-8310553680c1.html

Sincerely,

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Former Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources

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The Honorable,

Dear Secretary Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I am writing to ask you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study. If done correctly, it will show what the scientists have said, that there is no more room for new fossil fuel development if we are to have a chance at a liveable planet.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, Tribes, and state governments to ensure an orderly decline to federal fossil fuel production--one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on and impacted by federal fossil fuel development.

I urge your agencies, in the context of the forthcoming environmental review, to fully consider the social, economic, and environmental costs of climate inaction, including as may result globally from the failure of the U.S. to demonstrate strong leadership, as with the federal fossil fuel programs.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you again for your climate leadership.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
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From: louisegray1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Louise Gray](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PROTECT US FROM POLLUTION!!
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:56:03 PM

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Dear Interior Oil and Gas Leasing Program,

Over the past four years, the “energy dominance” policy at DOI has resulted in losing time against fighting climate change and has displaced other key values on public lands, including outdoor recreation.

You MUST protect us from pollution because Caner isn’t fun, right?

Sincerely,
Louise Gray
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From: [Kendra Pinto](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Improving Stewardship of Public Lands
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Hello, my name is Kendra Pinto. I grew up near a small area called Lybrook. I live 22 miles from Chaco Culture National Historical Park's visitor center. In the past, I have frequently visited this park for leisure and pleasure. Spring equinox and Summer equinox being the two most favored times of year I have spent at the park to mark a profound change in the environment, physically and mentally. Since 2015, the enjoyment of the park has been riddled with stress and sadness as hydraulic fracturing has invaded the serene landscape. I have seen many flares, oil rigs, increased industry traffic, and accidents happen within the Chaco area that rarely raises concerns from state and federal officials who enact legislation pertaining to this Checkerboard area. I've invited the Congressional members many, many times during my in-person visits to DC, letting the members know the Chaco area has more concerns than what they are being told.

Coming from an isolated place holding millions of dollars in natural resource potential, I find it appalling that the voices first impacted by the externalities of hydraulic fracturing are minimized. Even before the 2020 pandemic, I was a homebody. I stayed home on the reservation for most days of the week. I say this because my experience with land is far more different than what the federal government experiences. I deal with firsthand impacts. I harvest wild onions and plants as well as my family. The amount of VOCs that may potentially affect my foods is of great concern. The concern has grown into a need to protect my community. I begin working with organizations whose priority is the environment. With that aid, I have personally tested the air within my community and I can tell you firsthand, our air is being polluted. I find it appalling that a reading of an elevated level of hydrogen sulfide is not a bigger concern to the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indians Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education (as this well site found with elevated levels is directly across the road from Lybrook Elementary School), as well as additional entities who are directly tied to the Checkerboard. The proximity of the oil and gas sites to residential areas is decreasing with every approved lease.

I can tell you from my experience: I am not benefitting from this fracking activity at all. I am not collecting (underpaid) royalties, I do not own any land. The only real benefitter of the oil industry is the state, who repeatedly say that the state would economically crash if fracking was banned. I believe that is an invalid statement since the Governor of New Mexico recently signed the recreational bill for marijuana, a sure way to make up revenue to the state should the remaining 7% of public lands in the Greater Chaco Region be pulled from all future lease auctions held by BLM. 93% of the public lands is already leased, currently the oil production is declining, the numbers can't be denied.

Stop importing public health and safety violations to my community. My community has no hospital, no fire station, no Urgent Care, no police, and no other medical services that should be provided by state dollars. State dollars that are being extracted from below my feet. State dollars that are being spent OUTSIDE of the extraction zone. I will continue the air testing and water testing, a job that should be done regularly by the BLM. I will continue to voice any and all health and safety related concerns to the public caused by the oil and gas industry. I will continue to send in public comments and hope that one day they will be taken seriously. I will continue to fight the environmental injustice that plagues communities of color, especially communities of Indigneous people. I will continue to make sure that any entities that are using or touching my water resources on a daily basis answer to me and the people they are stealing the water and land from. By damaging the pristine landscape, oil and gas leasing is quite literally stealing water, air, and food from local communities.

This is what it comes down to: should DOI continue leasing the remaining 7% of public land, DOI will be responsible for food shortages and water shortages of the Chaco area. From a historical perspective, the government rarely cleans up catastrophic environmental messes quickly and effectively. Stop leasing before you destroy me and my family.

With sadness and a desire to live,
Kendra

From: [Steve johnson](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:53:11 AM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Dear Secretary Haaland:

Regarding the BLM's program for Oil and Gas Leasing on federal lands, I urge you to limit any future leasing as much as possible.

The serious and real threat of climate change demands that use of fossil fuels be curtailed. The wise strategy for the US, and the world, is to leave as much fossil fuel in the ground as possible.

Further, there are thousands of leases and drilling permits that have already been issued and are unused.

There is no need to continue leasing public lands for fossil fuel extraction.

Regards,
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From: [Franzelle Carmon](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New leases
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Beating the drum on new leases is a waste of energy. Speaking of energy, it's time to invest in a future that is honest and sustainable. No to new leases is a start. I am investing in wind and solar like millions of other folks on the planet. Public lands need to stay public.

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Please end oil and gas leasing on our public lands, especially those proposed for wilderness designation under America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

Let's keep America's wild landscapes for wildlife and the enrichment of generations to come.

Regards,
Lynette Foley
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From: [Emily Campbell](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

I'm so glad that the Biden administration is reviewing these leases. I live in an area surrounded by public land, and in the increase in fossil fuel extraction in our area has led to decrease visibility due to loss of protective top soil, light pollution, and dust-on-snow issues in the mountains to our east which provide the water our community and our region depends on.

We need to stop extracting from our national lands and from our future, acknowledge that climate change requires us to think differently, STOP extraction on our federal lands.

Regards,
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From: sbakley63@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sheri Bakley](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:55:34 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I'm very unhappy with how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking. Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe, and an unnecessary danger to natural habitats.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuel and turn to solar, wind, and other "planet healthy" alternatives!

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

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From: [stephen pace](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

I am supportive of President Biden's proposal to conduct a long-overdue review of the BLM's oil and gas leasing program. As a westerner, I have seen decades of faulty Federal policies regarding energy development on federal land. All we've gotten out of it is a lot of irreplaceable scenic country destroyed, a stack of unused leases and drilling rights, and an ever-increasing failure to come to grips with the realities of climate change and damage. I hope you can provide the leadership to mitigate your agency's chronic failure to act as stewards of the public land.

Regards,
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From: daffydoc69@aol.com
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] oil & gas leasing on BLM lands
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 6:51:09 AM

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Please STOP all gas and oil leasing on BLM lands.
Particularly in the estate of Utah.
These lands need to stay pristine and undeveloped by oil and gas.
Leave these lands for the wildlife and the visitors that come to get AWAY from all of that development.
We need to stop the oil and gas leasing NOW
Thank you;
Marsha

From: [Jim Steitz](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protect Our Future: No More Fossil Fuel Leases
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:15:10 AM

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The Honorable,

Dear Secretary Haaland,

I urge you, through your executive authority over the Department of Interior, terminate the sale of coal, oil, and gas on publicly owned and federally managed lands, a mathematically critical policy for keeping climate change below levels that threaten human civilization. While you have committed to infrastructure improvements that address the ‘demand side’ of our fossil fuel addiction, these efforts are sabotaged and undermined by your own Department of Interior, which is selling publicly owned fossil fuels, prolonging the dependence of America and the world on these suicidal but monetarily cheap fuels.

Scientists have shown with overwhelming and ever-increasing evidence that our emissions of carbon dioxide, if pursued for several more decades, will lead to global warming of 4-5 Celsius or more. This level of climate change would devastate the basic life-support functions of Planet Earth, and place in grave jeopardy the persistence of human civilization. The public land reserves of coal, oil, and gas contain far more carbon than can ever be burned, if we wish our children an atmosphere with a tolerable level of carbon dioxide.

To keep climate change below 2 degrees C, as the US committed in the Paris accord, requires that our carbon emissions decline by at least half by 2030, and continue to decline thereafter, and that 80% of known fossil fuels globally must remain underground. The relevant DOI agencies, particularly the Bureau of Land Management, are obligated by their chartering laws to exercise its judgment and rational analysis to manage public resources in a manner that best maximizes the public interest. While these laws mention fossil fuel production, they were written before our understanding of its effects on our atmosphere, and its existential threat to our civilization. No cost-benefit calculation today exists, by which the DOI may deem the sale of these fossil fuels to be in the public interest.

To issue fossil fuel leases on federal land that extend for decades, effectively subsidizing fossil fuels and distorting the true cost of electricity, renders the Paris Accord target mathematically impossible. These leases swamp all other efforts of your Administration to promote alternative energy, conservation, or efficiency. Coal produced on federal lands accounts for 40% of total American production. Moreover, because American domestic consumption is declining, coal companies are lustfully eyeing Asian markets and a series of sites along the US West Coast for export terminals. This trans-Pacific conveyor belt of carbon would doom our children’s

atmosphere with equal efficiency, and US public lands must not provide the origin for that conveyor belt of death.

Again, please issue a final rule terminating the sale of publicly owned coal, oil, and gas on public lands. We can either love your children, or we can acquiesce to the Earth's thickening blanket of carbon dioxide, but we cannot do both.

Sincerely,
Jim Steitz
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From: [Jim Steitz](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protect Our Future: No More Fossil Fuel Leases
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Sincerely,
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From: jimsteitz=mac.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jim Steitz](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fossil Fuel Extraction No Longer Appropriate for Public Lands
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Sincerely,

Jim Steitz
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From: canarskyomo@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Maurine Canarsky](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I am appalled at how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is extreme and dangerous. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands. It must end.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

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From: btpepin=comcast.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Bradly Pepin](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] STOP oil & gas leasing on Public Lands & Waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:50:41 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I value our public lands and waters. I am writing because I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fossil fuel extraction is bad for the environment and the overall health of the planet. Frack is the worst of the worsts in its byproducts. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands. I don't want this to be the legacy of my generation any longer.

We've got to STOP extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly. And stopping this activity on public lands is an easy line to draw in the (tar)sands!

Keep those fossil fuels in the ground, please!

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Bradly Pepin
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From: [Jean Naples](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:43:00 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

I am writing as an American physician and public health advocate who loves the exploration of our national parks and has visited and explored the Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde, Yosemite and Bear Mountain National Parks. I strongly urge full protection for our national parks, the endangered wildlife, our environment, our waterways and all local communities near our national parks from the public health and environmentally destructive and endangering industrial contamination that results from any invasive oil or gas drilling that has occurred in our national parks and on our public lands.

At this time, I am aware and very much approve of the fact that the Biden administration has begun the process of reviewing and modernizing the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) outdated and environmentally destructive oil and gas leasing program which must be emergently done now. As President Biden has noted in his January 27th executive order, our country only has a narrow moment to pursue action at home and abroad in order to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of the climate change crisis disaster and our country must seize the opportunity that tackling climate change that this review presents.

I approve of the fact that the Biden administration is conducting a long-overdue review of the BLM's oil and gas leasing program on America's public lands. For far too long, the BLM has wrongly elevated oil and gas leasing and development as the primary use of our nation's public lands, threatening our climate, wildlife, cultural treasures, and wild places.

I am disturbed by the previous four long years of the Trump administration's "energy dominance" agenda because it was highlighted by how environmentally destructive the BLM's oil and gas program has become and why significant changes are urgently needed. 0 The first significant problem is that the BLM's oil and gas leasing program contributes a significant role in the worsening of the climate change disaster. According to the most recent data available from the United States Geological Survey, nationwide emissions from fossil fuels produced on federal lands represents 23.7 percent of national emissions for carbon dioxide, 7.3 percent for methane, and 1.5 percent for nitrous oxide over a ten-year period. Please realize that nearly a quarter of all U.S. carbon emissions come from fossil fuels that are extracted by oil or gas drilling from our federal public lands.

It must be remembered that as part of the second problem is that oil and gas operators currently hold thousands of leases across millions of acres of public land that they have not developed. In Utah, for example, 63 percent of the existing leases are sitting idle. Many of the leases were sold by the BLM for as little as \$1.50 per acre. Please realize that oil and gas operators across the West are sitting on almost 10,000 unused drilling permits. In Utah, the pace of new drilling has come to a near standstill and operators only develop approximately

half of the permits that are approved. This slowdown is market-driven and occurred even during the Trump administration.

To avert climate disaster, I very much urge Secretary Haaland to please immediately end oil and gas leasing on these irreplaceable public lands, and especially those proposed for wilderness under America's Red Rock Wilderness Act. Please remember that a recently released report estimates that passage of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act would permanently keep in the ground greenhouse gas emissions equal to 5.7 percent of the carbon budget necessary to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. These same lands are estimated to currently sequester and store 247 million metric tons of organic carbon.

Meanwhile, 63 percent of the existing leases in Utah are sitting idle and oil and gas operators are developing roughly half of their approved permits. The very last thing we need to do is make even more lands available for leasing and drilling.

At this time, I strongly support and urge Secretary Haaland to please make the protection of our public lands a central pillar of America's campaign to control and reverse our national and international climate change disaster.

Unfortunately, for far too long the BLM has been allowed and wrongly elevated oil and gas leasing and development as the primary use of our nation's public lands. These actions, have and continue to threaten our climate, wildlife, cultural treasures, and wild places. This unbalanced approach must stop now. At this time, I thank you for your consideration of my letter. I strongly urge the Biden administration to please end oil and gas leasing on our public lands, and especially those public lands proposed for wilderness designation under America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

Sincerely,
Jean Marie Naples, MD-Ph.D.

Regards,
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From: kathylevine1@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kathy Levine](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:37:42 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands, waters and the climate of this planet. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe and dangerous to people and the environment. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands. It must end.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

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To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:51:05 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I value our public lands and waters.

I disapprove of how our public lands have been given to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe, extreme and dangerous.

It causes huge amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution, and earthquakes.

It disrupts wildlife, and harms people and communities.

It's devastating public lands. It must end.

To combat the climate crisis, we have to stop extraction and burning of fossil fuels.

We must take a stand against the oil and gas industry.

Keep fossil fuels in the ground.

Don't allow drilling and fracking on public lands.

The danger of fracking means that no regulations will ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Thank you.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

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From: [Galen Bishop](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:38:30 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

The BLM is the largest landholder, public or private, in the USA. As such, it is atrocious how much the BLM has contributed to degradation of the lands it is meant to manage. The BLM's mission statement is "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations." Very well, but the history of the agency seems only to focus on the economic productivity of its lands. This review is an important time to redirect the BLM's focus on the health and diversity of our country's landscapes.

Oil and gas drilling is VIOLENCE against the inhabitants of our beautiful country and against the land itself. I understand the benefit of good-paying jobs in rural areas, but the fossil-fuel industry does not help anyone in the long run.

The USGS has found that almost 1/4 of our country's carbon emissions come from fossil fuels extracted from our federal public lands. Continuing to expand leasing and drilling for oil would not only destroy more and more irreplaceable wild landscapes, but also amplify the effects our civilization has on fueling global climate disasters.

The BLM needs to start focusing on preserving and conserving the still-wild places that managed to survive the initial industrialization and expansion of our country's population. Though many previously wild and beautiful places have been paved over by cities, the pieces that remain are wondrous, and vital to our country's future. We must use foresight, and prioritize the lives of our grandchildren over the profit our generation could grab.

The largest remaining tracts of intact wild landscape in the American West are located in the Northern Rocky Mountains (Idaho and Montana) and the Colorado Plateau (Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado). Escalante and Bear's Ears National Monuments must absolutely be restored to their former sizes, and further protections are needed to ensure this inspirational and spiritual landscape will be there for future generations.

America's Red Rock Wilderness Act would protect thousands or millions of sacred cultural sites, for indigenous people and more recent immigrants alike. Please pass America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

Two-thirds of the existing leases in Utah aren't even being utilized. There is absolutely no reason to allow more habitat degradation to occur in the name of expanding drilling

operations. This is why I am glad the BLM's leasing practices are being reviewed. I sincerely hope, for the sake of all Americans, great and small, that the shortsighted profit-driven policies are changed. This is our opportunity to turn our attention to protecting and conserving the incredible landscapes that we, as Americans, call home.

Regards,
Galen Bishop
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Vancouver, WA 98662

From: [H. Hoops](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:18:01 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Utah's public lands have served my family for decades as a classroom and spiritual escape from the day-to-day. It provides the requisite experience to understand geography, geology, biography, astronomy, human nature and survival skills. Protecting these precious lands in a balanced long-term manner is and has been of enduring importance to my family.

The U.S. has a chance to engage geostrategic competitors on the world stage. A key differentiator to the U.S. is our conservative approach to over-industrializing the large spaces in the west. This can serve a national narrative while ensuring the true access to wild and natural spaces is unencumbered by unchecked extractive industry. Protecting our public lands and ensuring their larger value to Americans now and in the future is indicative to how we envision our national future. There are two paths forward: the right-now solution which prioritizes access to traditional energy resources; or, the right solution which prioritizes enduring lands for ALL Americans while given measured energy industry access. The lands are seen by the globe as a national treasure and we can not afford to assuage the energy industry at the loss of our great grandchildren forever.

Please prioritize the right solution and protect the enduring access to these lands with a highly measured approach. We only get to manage the value of the land once.

Regards,
H. Hoops
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Glover, VT 05839

From: [Joan Wilder](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:07:00 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Dear Sir:D

Gas and oil leases should continue. we need to protect our economy. As better green development happen they will eliminate the need for gas and oil on their own. meanwhile we need to protect our economy by continued gas production.

Regards,
Joan Wilder
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From: griffj29@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Griffen](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:46:06 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

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To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:35:58 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Mary Kava](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:34:28 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

The Bureau of Land Management along with the Forest Service as needed lots of changed for many years. As a person who lived in Utah for almost the last 20 years and working with Federal, county, non-profits I was able to see and learn how these agencies and decisions they make affect the area and the people who live there. Example, beetle kill devastated the forests throughout all the West. The timber could have been used if cut within like 7 years, yet the decision makers choose not to allow cutting, which led to acres of downed trees chocking out the vegetation, made fuel for large devastating wildfires, erosion of the land and cost the government millions of dollars in clean-up, replanting, all things that are still going on. Controlled burns were not allowed for years also. Then when they finally allowed they 9 out of 10 times got out of hand. Administrations for years (didn't matter the party in control) issued leases for minerals/oil in the West. Individuals who could drill on their private property were locked out and their wells put in reserve for the future. Leases were issued on federal grounds to mining interests (coal, oil, gas, Tar shale, uranium, etc.) and then such activities were stopped. This on again off again behavior proved devastating to communities. Towns like Vernal, Utah saw huge influx in population and wages for workers and then all of a sudden things were stopped, resulting high unemployment, abandoned homes, etc. Groups have tried to get the Public Lands closed limiting who can come and go affecting those areas and the individuals who use them historically for cattle trails, grazing, mining, recreational and wildlife or environmental protection. Limiting those who can access the areas could also be said to be in violation of the disabilities act preventing those who need some assistance such as a horse or motorized vehicle to access the area, While everyone needs to be good stewards of the land, this can be done better through education and people working together. Fracking is bad for the area because it causes earthquake activity, but drilling/mining can benefit the area as laws are in place holding lease holders accountable for protecting the water, soil erosion, and planting native vegetation and providing protection areas for wildlife. The push for renewable energy sources is good, but it cannot be just one thing over the other. Studies and show the impact of wind farms on the environment -- affecting bird and insect migrations, replacing agricultural areas with turbines affects those communities and places American dependent on food from other countries. Solar panels are great for areas where nothing else can grow (such areas in Emery County where the alkali is so high nothing will grow), but it is does raise the temperature and is often put in places where crops could be planted. Wind and solar alone cannot produce the amount of sustainable power America needs, but they can be used to help support the clean energy that coal produces. Living in Emery County for almost 20 years, there was rarely a day when we didn't have blue clear sky and minimal if any

discharge from the "coal burning power plant" . Yet agencies like the EPA blamed the smoke across the country which was actually coming from wildfires in California, Nevada, and Arizona for smog or bad air in the national parks like Zions and the Grand Canyon. Salt Lake City blamed the coal plants in Eastern Utah with the pollution in the valley, when common sense could show that it was the high volume of vehicle in the valley causing the bad air there.

There are so many things that could be done to protect and help climate control, but it first has to start with people from all interests coming to the table and working together to make it happen. If the pandemic has shown us anything it is that the Earth will heal if we take care of it. The waters of Venice cleaned up and native water species and plants came back when people stopped crowding the water areas, dumping trash in it, etc. I have seen areas in Southern Utah that were clean and pristine and wildlife abundant and then seen it destroyed when people came hiking in and dumping their trash and walking in areas they should not have. Boulderboarding in Emery County has gone on for decades, but as interest in the sport has grown in recent years and more and more people coming in, trash has increased in once pristine areas, their climbing on the rocks has had an impact on the rocks, vegetation, and cleanliness of the water in the area. While economically it helps some in the area, but affects those who have to live there all the time.

Let's put politics and personal interests aside and work together to make not only our country but our world a place we can leave to the future generations.

Listen to all that your decisions will have an impact on and not just for the short-term that you are in power.

Regards,
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From: jackiejj@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jackie Johnson](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more public land oil & gas leasing
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:54:15 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I do not approve of how our public lands are being used by oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking. I object on many levels but particularly because it accelerates climate change. Also, the pollution is abhorrent.

Stopping the planet's temperature rise requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

No further drilling and fracking on public lands.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Jackie Johnson
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From: [Benjamin Zycher](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Cc: [Benjamin Zycher](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments to the Department of the Interior for the Interim Report on Federal Oil and Gas Leasing
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:10:26 PM

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For submission to the Department of the Interior for the Interim Report on Federal Oil and Gas Leasing
By email: energyreview@ios.doi.gov

April 13, 2021

Dear Ms. or Sir,

I offer below links to three of my recent writings related to federal oil and gas leasing policy issues. In brief, I make the following arguments.

- Limitations, whether temporary or permanent, on fossil energy leasing on federal lands as part of a policy addressing anthropogenic climate change would have no detectable effects on climate phenomena. The net-zero U.S. emissions policy goal announced by the Biden administration would reduce global temperatures by 0.137 degrees C by 2100, using the EPA climate model under assumptions higher than those reported in the peer-reviewed literature on the future impacts of reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The effect of a permanent ban on leasing on federal lands would be substantially smaller, and would not be detectable given the standard deviation of the surface temperature record.
- Even as part of a coordinated international effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such policies cannot satisfy any plausible benefit-cost test. Using that same EPA climate model under the same set of assumptions, the Paris agreement if implemented immediately and enforced strictly would reduce global temperatures in 2100 by 0.17 degrees C.
- Arguments that the federal royalty rate is "too low" fail to recognize that the initial bids for leases are an inverse function of the royalty rate: As the latter rises, the former will fall. Accordingly, increases in the royalty rate would leave unchanged the expected present value of federal revenues, but would shift risk from private bidders onto federal taxpayers.
- The production of natural resources represents an increase in national wealth, the division of which under market competition is driven by contributions to productivity, including the value of public services provided. A leasing ban, accordingly, will impose losses upon a large number of market participants generally, and upon state and local governments in particular.

<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/530152-the-incoherent-biden-proposal-to-ban-fossil-leasing-on-federal>
https://www.realeclearmarkets.com/articles/2020/04/28/how_the_trump_administration_should_structure_gulf_oil_royalty_relief_490171.html
<https://www.aei.org/economics/us-economy/sharing-the-revenues-from-oil-and-gas-leasing-on-the-outer-continental-shelf/>

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my views.

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From: [Kurt Gumbrecht](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:58:53 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Where should start with issue of leasing public lands to the energy industry, mining conslorciums, logging industry, cattle and sheep ranching, and other recreation and non-recreation industry concerns. To my knowledge there has been no detailed assessment of damage and over-reach or extending outside legal lease limits to irreplaceable, often times sacred indigenous and archeological sites throughout the western and eastern United States. Important habitats for endangered species, extensive water contamination, destruction of one of a kind land features, significant plant habitat environments destroyed by the construction of un-needed roads, pipelines, and clear-cutting entire sections of historically valuable and aesthetically significant government and tribal lands property has gone on for decades and recently through Trump-led anti-environment pro-fossil fuel fracking consortium corporations have decimated un-realized and unassessed public lands through-out Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Idaho, California, Washington. Wyoming, and New Mexico tribal and public lands. An extensive environmental review, analysis, and specific recommendations for all environmental impacts on all public lands, waterways and tribal territories throughout the west must be completed before any lease agreements can be renewed or ratified for any additional construction or ranching, mining or pipelines are approved throughout the entire united states. THIS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS NEEDS TO IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY, AND ALL LEASES ON FEDERAL AND TRIBAL LANDS SHOULD BE TERMINATED UNTIL THE RECOMMENDATIONS SECTIONS OF THE REVIEW ARE COMPLETED AND PASSED UPON BY THE FEDERAL HOUSE AND SENATE LEGISLATURE HAS APPROVED THE PROCESS FOR RE-OPENING ANY LEASES OR OPENING ANY NEW LEASES IS IMPLEMENTED!
i WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ASSIST IN A PRELIMINARY SCOPE AND PROCESS POLICY DRAFT DOCUMENT FOR THIS PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Thank You for your attention,

Regards, Kurt Gumbrecht

For further assistance please contact me at kurtybirt@gmail.com or call 801-444-2666 at your convenience. Kurt Gumbrecht, Professionally and Academically Trained Environmental Planner/Educator.

Regards,
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From: [Christen Thompson](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:49:37 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Protect wilderness, protect the air we breathe, protect the water we drink, protect the environment for future generations and all the other animals that share the planet with us.

Please end fossil fuel extraction from our public lands.

Thank you!

Regards,
Christen Thompson
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From: [Linda Kade](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protect Our Future: No More Fossil Fuel Leases
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:33:17 PM

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The Honorable,

Dear Secretary Haaland,

Please have the fossil fuel industry clean up their abandoned well, mines, etc. before leasing any more of our virgin public lands to them. Stop the rape of the environment by a dying industry.

Thank you for your climate leadership.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Linda Kade
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From: tnplapoint=msn.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Thomas La Point](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:21:14 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas on public lands must end.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Thomas La Point
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From: harlowpp@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Patricia Harlow](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:05:12 PM

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Dear Haaland,

Since I value our public lands and waters, I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe and dangerous. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities. Briefly, fracking is devastating public lands. It must end.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground. Therefore, we cannot allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Patricia Harlow
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From: [Elnora Cameron](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:53:01 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

As an admirer and hiker of the beautiful areas of the southwest, I ask you to end oil and gas leasing on Federal lands, including those administered by BLM.

The environmental affects of past leasing are immense - toxic ponds waiting to overspill their banks, ruined water sources, little water left for tribes and other residents, and methane gas pouring out of the Colorado Plateau.

Please help President Biden move his climate agenda forward by protecting ALL public lands against oil, gas, uranium, and cobalt leases.

Regards,
Elnora Cameron
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From: tsheabeyer@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Taylor Beyer](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:27:19 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am emailing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been handed over to gas/oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe and dangerous. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution, and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands. It must end!!!

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Taylor Beyer
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From: sfordham=lasierra.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sari Fordham](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End fossil fuel extraction on public lands & waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:12:28 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I'm writing because our public lands belong to the American people and shouldn't be used in a way that threatens our collective futures. Please end fracking and oil extraction on public lands.

I'm a mom concerned about climate change and the environment.

Thank you so much,

Sari Fordham

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

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From: curtis.erik@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Erik Curtis](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:12:24 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

As a Chemical Engineer (BS 2016, Penn State) I'm not stranger to oil and gas technology, and as a Pennsylvanian I'm no stranger to fracking.

The extraction is only one small piece of oil and gas leasing. The drilling rigs, thousands of barrels of contaminated fracking fluid transported by tankers, the abandoned leaking wells decades later. Is an established, operating well particularly obtrusive to our public lands? Maybe not. But the highway required to get there, and the decades of repair required to return a site to some semblance of normal (low level contamination can NEVER be completely removed) are not what our public lands were created to protect.

Cease new permits on public lands immediately. Do not renew existing contracts, and be very sure these companies are forced to clean up after themselves on their way out before they declare bankruptcy and leave superfund sites in their wake.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Erik Curtis
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North Wales PA, 19454-3337

From: [Phyllis Coley](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Leasing Public Lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:05:50 PM

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Thank you for considering a review of the leasing program for fossil fuels overseen by the BLM. As a scientist who is knowledgeable about the dangers of climate change and as a citizen who enjoys the beauty and solitude of public lands, I urge you to rein in the rubber stamp approval process for drilling.
Thank you

From: [Britt Bassett](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:52:06 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Please stop leasing any more land for oil and gas development until most of the existing permits are actually used.

Please create a policy that sets some limit or number of unused permits that has to be reached before more permits will be issued.

Please set a reasonable minimum price on a lease that if not reached, no lease will be given.

Regards,
Britt Bassett
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Durango, CO 81301

From: [Ann Pelo](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:39:47 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

The review of the BLM's oil and gas leasing program leaves me hopeful -- hopeful that changes will be made to re-align our use of public lands with a commitment to environmental and climate justice.

Please end oil and gas leasing on our public lands. Act for the earth and its wild places and wild creatures. Act for a future of clean air and water. Act for the climate.

Regards,
Ann Pelo
410 1st St N
Montesano, WA 98563

From: [George Alderson](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:24:53 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Please consider this message as our comment on the review of the Interior Department's policies on oil and gas leasing on our public lands. We thank the Biden administration for undertaking this review of BLM's oil and gas leasing program. I (George Alderson) am from the West, and we have seen the impacts of oil/gas leasing against wildlife habitat and wilderness values on BLM-managed lands.

For far too long, the BLM has wrongly elevated oil and gas leasing and development as the primary use of our nation's public lands, threatening our climate, wildlife, cultural treasures, and wild places.

According to the USGS, nearly a quarter of all U.S. carbon emissions come from fossil fuels extracted from our federal public lands. To avert climate disaster, I hope you will end oil and gas leasing on these irreplaceable public lands, and especially those proposed for wilderness under America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

A recently released report estimates that passage of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act would permanently keep in the ground greenhouse gas emissions equal to 5.7 percent of the carbon budget necessary to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. These same lands are estimated to currently sequester and store 247 million metric tons of organic carbon.

Meanwhile, 63 percent of the existing leases in Utah are sitting idle and oil and gas operators are developing roughly half of their approved permits. The very last thing we need to do is make even more lands available for leasing and drilling.

Please adopt a strong policy favoring permanent protection for our greatest public lands under wilderness designation, national monuments, and other no-leasing designations.

Regards,
George Alderson
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Catonsville, MD 21228

From: [DAVE PACHECO](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:24:18 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

I support dramatic reform of the federal oil & gas leasing program in order to address climate change and save the biodiversity of natural places.

I support a dramatic about face in priorities for the United States. Emphasize solutions to achieve sustainable renewable energy programs, establish a Civilian Climate Corps, and focus on good paying rural jobs that encourage fossil fuel companies to pay for and help clean up their mess. Turn our country around. Do not subsidize fossil fuels any longer.

Regards,
DAVE PACHECO
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Salt Lake City, UT 84115

From: [Pamela Baker](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:22:10 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Please keep oil and gas in the ground. Promote climate change priorities with solar, wind, and other renewable power sources.

Protect our public lands and their wilderness, scenic, cultural, and natural values. The Covid lockdown has shown how much we need them for our sanity. They are being loved to death without being over exploited by extractive industries.

Regards,
Pamela Baker
1950 S Roadrunner Hill
Moab, UT 84532

From: [Allan Ainsworth](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:19:25 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Isn't it time we as a nation learn that corporations are not built, run and maintained for the common good of all Americans? The long-planned land grab envisioned by Utah's greedy, corporatist political leaders and their financial supporters can't wait to get their hands on the public lands that make up Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase. they will drain every stick of natural resources they can get their grubby hands on, all at the profit of a select few corrupt people in the state of Utah and beyond.

Isn't it time that we stop land grabs such as those planned by these two areas in Utah? Plans to develop these lands, if they are not publicly protected, will only benefit a very few people, for a very short time, and will do irreparable harm to the environment that can never be repaired.

Regards,
Allan Ainsworth
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Park City, UT 84098

From: [Deborah Woodbury](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:05:01 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Public lands need to be protected, not mined or drilled. I'm glad the Biden administration is reviewing the BLM's oil and gas leasing program and sincerely hope the bureau's focus can change.

Instead of elevating oil and gas leasing, elevate conservation and wildlife protection. Especially, Wilderness Areas should be completely off-limits to fossil fuel extraction.

As a nation, we must wean off of polluting energy and leave fossil fuels in the ground. There are more than enough leases already issued. No more.

Please protect our wild places and stop issuing oil and gas leases on BLM land.

Regards,
Deborah Woodbury
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Manti, UT 84642

From: [ian harlen](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] oil and gas leasing on public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:01:13 PM

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Dear Secretary,

We believe strongly that the government leasing of public land for oil and gas extraction must stop! We need to consider other, more renewable fuel sources, and curtail the use of gas and oil. Please do all you can to save these lands for wilderness.

Sincerely, Ian and Lizzie Harlen.

From: [Greg Goodrum](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:50:03 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

I would like to voice my full support for reviewing and reforming the US Bureau of Land Management's outdated, uneconomical, and environmentally unsound leasing program. BLM has elevated oil and gas extraction above other important concerns such as public health, environmental quality, and economic sustainability. Oil and gas drilling is a contributing factor to anthropogenic climate change, a cost for which companies are rarely held accountable. Even worse, the leasing program represents a corporate handout where leases are offered well below market value, and companies have no incentive to protect human or environmental health. Instead, lack of regulation and economic incentives prioritize a 'ruin and run' strategy where the long-term consequences of environmental degradation are passed on to local residents. I urge the reviewers and BLM to adopt strategies that are equitable and economically sound, benefitting local communities and stopping the federal handouts to corporations and wealthy owners.

Regards,
Greg Goodrum
721 E 100 N
Logan, UT 84321

From: [Teresa Callahan](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:41:04 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Dear Secretary Haaland,

The Bureau of Land Management is long overdue for a change in personnel and attitude. BLM has been the handmaiden of oil and gas companies, mining companies and ranchers for too long. The Biden Administration should stop apologizing about ending fracking and leasing of our public lands for oil and gas development. We are in a worldwide biodiversity crisis with a million species in danger of extinction, coupled with the climate crisis. The Interior Department including BLM needs to start focusing on protecting land and wildlife not giving extractive industries a free ride at the public's expense. Please stand up for our land and wildlife.

Regards,
Teresa Callahan
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Somerville, NJ 08876

From: [James Ferry](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas leasing on Public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:02:23 AM

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To whom this may concern-

I would like to express my support for leasing and drilling on public lands.

In addition to providing good paying jobs for Americans, I believe that it can be done in a responsible and safe way with minimal environmental impact. I support a transition to cleaner energy, more efficient use of energy, clean technology. But right now and for the foreseeable future the world needs energy from Hydrocarbon fuels and it cannot be shut-off like a switch. If the US would stop producing hydrocarbons from US lands and waters, that disruption would be replaced by production from the Russians or the Middle-East. I am pretty confident that Americans are more responsible and more careful with the environmental issues.

Sincerely,

Jim Ferry

From: [robin woolman](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No New Lease Sales
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:24:09 PM

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Why? Why is it so hard for humans to understand their reliance on air and water?
Why? Why does a government continue to sell public land for private profit? It amounts to a tax payer subsidy for planetary degradation. ENOUGH

From: [Sarah Arnold](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No new leases
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:05:37 PM

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Department of the Interior
Secretary Haaland,

I strongly oppose the sale of new oil and gas leases on public lands. I have always opposed them because of the environmental destruction extraction of these resources causes. Additionally the cost of the leases are so low that they amount to a give away of publicly owned resources to big corporations, known also as corporate welfare.

In order to combat global warming it is important to find and develop alternative sources of energy. Promoting or encouraging the use of fossil fuels by allowing leases on federally owned land is counterproductive to this effort.

I urge you to phase out energy development of federally owned land.

Thank you for your attention to this email.

Sarah Burr Arnold
sba_352@gorge.net

From: [Laurie and Dan Parkinson](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fossil Fuel Review
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:15:12 PM

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Dear Secretary Haaland,

First of all, congratulations on your appointment as Secretary of Interior. Your experience makes you uniquely qualified. And thank you for your long standing leadership on climate action. It is the most important issue of our day. We must leave a livable planet to our children, grandchildren, and all of the creatures that share our world.

The pause on leasing federal public lands for oil and gas leasing should continue. Oil and gas companies currently have millions of acres of leases that are not being drilled. We have no room in our carbon budget for even the fossil fuels available in lands already leased.....up to 43 billion tons of carbon. State and private lands are available for oil and gas drilling; federal lands should begin the phase out of fossil fuel development.

Phasing out the federal fossil fuels program will improve public health, especially that of communities of color and low income communities that disproportionately experience the effects of pollution.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for states and communities that are economically dependent on and impacted by federal fossil fuel development.

The United States must be a global leader in reducing carbon pollution. Inaction is not an option, and halting oil and gas leases on federal public lands is an important step.

I thank you for your consideration.

Laurie Parkinson
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From: [Jane Davis](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No New Lease Sales
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:56:12 PM

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Attention: Secretary Haaland

I am writing today to voice my concerns and request that fossil fuel development on public lands and waters in the U.S. stop. It's time to phase out all fossil fuel development to protect the environment. NEW leasing of federal oil, gas and coal is incompatible with the U.S. climate goals,

If the science is followed, it is clear that any new federal fossil fuel development will worsen the climate and extinction crises. Wild public lands and waters are needed to provide safe harbor for diverse species and protecting the ecosystems we all depend upon.

Please stop all new lease sales.

Jane Davis
707-269-4245
Member of Great Broads for Wilderness

From: [Richard Kauzlarich](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments for Interim DOI Report Regarding the Federal Oil and gas Program
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:57:57 PM

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Dear Friends:

Following up on the DOI press release of March 18, 2021, the following are my ideas to help inform Interior's interim report.

For the U.S. to accomplish its climate objectives, it must advance an energy vision that addresses climate change while ensuring economic prosperity. This vision must be based on a hybrid energy approach incorporating energy sources such as natural gas.

[Executive orders](#) emerging from the Administration include provisions for a "carbon pollution-free energy sector" by 2035. The Department of Interior's comprehensive review of the federal oil and gas program is critical " ...to improve stewardship of public lands and waters, create jobs, and build a just and equitable energy future."

Here are four recommendations that could guide the interim report that the Department of Interior will produce later this summer.

First, acknowledge that natural gas is a cleaner alternative to coal in the short to medium term. The historical shift from coal to natural gas in the electric power sector has been a game-changer. The U.S. is a leader in curbing greenhouse gas emissions to prevent climate change, [cutting](#) energy-related CO₂ emissions. In fact, [the Energy Information Administration recently found](#) that "U.S. electric power sector emissions have fallen 33% from their peak in 2007 because less electricity has been generated from coal and more electricity has been generated from natural gas." Market forces did that. It is why the Biden administration should keep its eye on a process for decarbonization rather than trying to ban fossil fuel production. Working with private-sector energy partners is necessary to encourage markets to continue this trend in the future while protecting public lands and waters

These market forces are also responsible for renewable energy's increasing share of electric power generation. A recent report by the Progressive Policy Institute [concludes](#) that natural

gas plays an indispensable role in meeting climate goals and supporting renewable energy expansion. Achieving a clean energy target by 2035 is feasible if the new energy and climate team embraces natural gas's advantages as a transition fuel in a hybrid energy system. Otherwise, they risk setting back hard-fought efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions over the last decade.

Second, the Biden energy team should review the idea of [banning](#) federal leasing. More than [5 million](#) parcels of federal land were leased to oil and gas companies in recent years. These leases represent just a portion of the roughly 700 million acres overseen by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). In 2019, oil and gas activity on BLM-managed land generated \$75.8 billion in economic output and supported more than 300,000 jobs.

The jobs and revenue generated from this policy are substantial economic benefits that states need in this current economic climate. Indeed, [according](#) to Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue, 34 states could lose such benefits, including Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Montana, North Dakota, California, and Alaska.

Now is the time to scrutinize the policy regarding the leasing of federal lands. This review must consider a critical facet of the leasing program: the impact a leasing ban on gas would have on coal consumption. An American Petroleum Institute analysis [found](#) that a leasing ban would increase U.S. coal use by 15% by 2030. Any action regarding leasing must be a step forward for the American economy and climate action that reduces coal demand.

Third, Biden officials must encourage the U.S. energy sector to support [the American Jobs Plan](#) that the Administration recently announced. Fixing America's infrastructure, rejuvenating its electric grid, and revitalized manufacturing now require energy now. Not all of that will be clean energy. Not only must that energy support the electrical power sector but the manufacturing and industrial sectors as well. Until U.S. businesses can develop alternatives, [carbon-based inputs](#) will be required to produce the asphalt, cement, steel, and other metals necessary for infrastructure renewal and short-term job creation.

Fourth, natural gas is necessary to tackle the climate crisis abroad. According to [Reuters' reporting](#), while US CO2 emissions dropped .6% in 2019, average emissions in developing countries increased 2.5%, primarily due to coal-fired power generation. A critical [study](#) recently found that using American LNG rather than coal for electricity generation in China, India, and other countries would produce about 50% fewer greenhouse gas emissions. The world is [unlikely to see](#) the Biden administration actively hawk U.S. LNG overseas as former President Trump did. Nevertheless, promoting U.S. gas exports through diplomacy and trade initiatives should be a critical part of U.S international energy and climate policy.

This interim report will be critical to determining the future of U.S. climate and energy policy.

I hope these suggestions help that process.

Sincerely,

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and
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From: engijohnadams@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Adams](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:57:01 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands are being leased to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is bad for the environment. It causes methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and increases global warming. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and is devastating public lands. It should end.

To combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels.

To protect our children and grandchildren, we must keep fossil fuels in the ground — please don't allow further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent increase in global warming from burning fossil fuels means that no set of regulations can make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

John Adams
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Georgetown TX, 78628-3831

From: [rochelle kaplan](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:21:58 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Hooray! The Biden Administration is conducting a review, finally, of the BLM's oil and gas leasing program on America's public lands. The BLM has, unfortunately, prioritized oil and gas leasing and development on our nation's public lands- jeopardizing our climate, wildlife, cultural artifacts and places.

According to the USGS, and shockingly, almost a quarter of all U.S. carbon emissions come from fossil fuels extracted from our federal public lands. To avoid impending climate disaster, I hope you will end oil and gas leasing on these irreplaceable public lands, especially those proposed for wilderness under America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

A recently released report estimates that passage of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act would permanently keep in the ground greenhouse gas emissions equal to 5.7 % of the carbon budget necessary to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. These same lands are estimated to currently sequester and store 247 million metric tons of organic carbon. This is critical!

Concurrently, 63% of the existing leases in Utah sit unused and oil and gas operators are developing half of their approved permits. We don't need to make even more public lands available for leasing and drilling.

Please keep America's wild landscapes intact. Make protecting our public lands a key part of the Administration's climate campaign.

Regards,
rochelle kaplan
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Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121

From: [David Wells](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect our climate by protecting our public lands
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:33:36 PM

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Dear Energy Review Comments Interior Department,

Public lands belong to all of us - the public. They are not just a source of profit for private companies. The air we breathe and the planet we share also belong to all of us. These precious resources are not just a private companies waste dump for noxious chemicals that threaten all life on the planet. If the true cost of fossil fuels were reflected in their price, they would be absurdly expensive - many times the price of clean renewables. Please stop using my resources (public lands) to enrich the few who in turn do not have to pay for the devastation they wreak on the rest of us.

Regards,
David Wells
17334 Mayall St
Los Angeles, CA 91325

From: [Debra Beck](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fossil fuel extraction
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:44:57 PM

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To:
Sec Haaland, and Principal and Dep Asst Sec Daniel-Davis,

Thank you for holding the Public Forum on Federal Oil and Gas Program, March 25, 2021. I believe that the U.S. must work towards the elimination of fossil fuel extraction from our federal lands, exclusive of Tribal land. The global climate crisis, and rampant pollution of this industry necessitates immediate action in this regard.

The science is clear. We are damaging our lands, our air, and our planet by the continued use of fossil fuels. Extraction from federal lands is especially onerous, allowing the few to profit over the damages to many. We have the ability to move towards the use of alternative energy, and our future depend on us doing so.

Thank you for allowing citizen input on this matter.

Sincerely,
Debra E. Beck
Austin, Texas

Sent from my iPad

From: [Barbara Dunn](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil & Gas Drilling on Federal Lands - 4-15-21 deadline for comments
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:38:12 PM

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Hello,

As a citizen of the US and also as a human, I urge you to ban or freeze oil & gas extraction on public lands in order to give us more time to limit or lessen the impending disaster that is Climate Change. We need more time to get Cows, Cars & Caves adjusted so that we're all using the absolute minimum in fossil fuels and this will take at least some time that we may not have otherwise.

Thanks,

--Barbara Dunn

1329 11th Ave S

Fargo, ND 58103

(I don't know if you need my phone number but I'll supply it if necessary.)

From: [Caleb Merendino](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please End Gas and Oil Leasing
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 5:41:29 AM

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Good morning,

I ask that you terminate the federal oil and gas leasing program. Fossil fuel development is a damaging practice that puts our environment and human communities at risk. It also exacerbates climate change impacts as our nation and world struggle to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Oil and gas development is broadly opposed by communities, businesses, tribes and the public. This is especially true when it comes to offshore drilling. To date, more than 380 municipalities, 2,500 elected officials, 55,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families have formally opposed new offshore oil and gas development.

Please protect our nation's environment, communities and the future of our planet by ending the federal oil and gas leasing program.

Thank you,

Caleb Merendino

From: wendyedds@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Wendy Edds](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] do not lease public lands and waters for oil & gas drilling/fracking
Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021 4:02:58 PM

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Dear Haaland,

Fracking for oil and gas is extremely unsafe for us and our planet. As a physician and mother, I cannot see how this dangerous short term gain can be worth the long term repercussions of water contamination, air pollution, earthquakes, methane leakage, and disruption to wildlife.

It is our responsibility to protect public lands, the earth, and leave it intact for our grandchildren.

The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Wendy Edds
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Durham NC, 27705-5744

From: sontaron@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Adam Ackerman](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021 5:05:52 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I am saddened by how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas has been show to be unsafe, detrimental and dangerous. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It harms people and communities, disrupts wildlife and it's devastating public lands. It must end.

To combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Adam Ackerman
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Germantown OH, 45327-8772

From: wfhoyt@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sheila Mast](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021 1:40:50 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. By definition, they belong to ALL Americans and are not there to be ruined by private greed.

I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Sheila Mast
101 Peterson Ct.
Cashton WI, 54619-8032

From: wfhoyt@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [William Hoyt](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021 1:31:03 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters.

I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking, as well as mining.

By definition, public lands are the PEOPLE'S lands, not a place for destruction in the name of private greed.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

William Hoyt
101 Peterson Ct.
Cashton WI, 54619-8032

From: [Suez Jacobson](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please stop further oil and gas leasing on public lands
Date: Saturday, April 10, 2021 3:44:46 PM

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Thank you for the time you are taking to review the oil and gas leasing program. I am hoping that you will see that the science tells us that given our carbon budget necessary to keep warming to 2 degrees we cannot afford to lease any more public lands for oil and gas development. The ravages of climate change are evident every day. We must move on to a clean fuel economy as soon as possible.

As you consider this leasing program remember:

There are hundreds of unused leases already granted.

The cost of oil and gas are increasingly uncompetitive as improvements in clean renewables make them more cost effective.

The impacts of oil and gas leasing are cumulative. We cannot afford to add more CO2 to the atmosphere than what is absolutely necessary.

There is no second planet.

Thank you for listening.

Wild gratitude,

Suez Jacobson

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Pronouns: she, her, hers

wildhopefilm.com

“I feel the possibility of a frugal and protective love for creation that would be unimaginably more meaningful and joyful than our present destructive and wasteful economy.” Wendell Berry

suezwrites.wordpress.com Creative Meanderings

From: [Martha Evers](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Energy Review.
Date: Saturday, April 10, 2021 1:32:05 PM

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Thank you for your service in looking at what needs to be done for stopping Global Warming. This shows so much insight.

Science is our guide and should be taken seriously. If observed it is obvious with population Increasing daily on an exponential level, removing fossil fuels is the best answer. I hope your information will be shared inter agency and inter governmental on a national, state and city level.

There is little time to make this impact for all future generations. Future generations are your children and grandchildren as well as the rest of the planets.

Thanks for your consideration to make an enormously positive impact for the earth and its inhabitants.
Martha Evers

From: mikestevens82@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Michael Stevens](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 8:31:34 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Michael Stevens
204 Clairmont Ct. #3
Neenah WI, 54956-4752

From: [nor beckett](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No new lease or sales
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 8:28:23 PM

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Please stop leasing and selling off public lands for resource extraction. Our country and our culture needs to change and think of how to use conservation with natural resources. We b don't need more, we need to figure out how to use less or not at all. We need to do away with they old ways.

I use public land and would like to see more protection to keep the land wild. This is the most important for our future generation.

Sincerely,
Noreen Beckett
Craig Colorado

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Selene Aitken](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Energy Review
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 2:24:52 PM

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Dear Secretary Haaland,

Thank you for the difficult work you do and the responsibility you have accepted. I am deeply grateful.

At this point in the devolution of our planet's health, I believe there is no room for further federal sanctioning of coal and oil development.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for states and communities that are economically dependent on and impacted by federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States can demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you,

Selene Aitken
Ashland, Or.

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From: darla_farr@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Darla Farr](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:50:20 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands. It must end.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Darla Farr
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mill valley CA, 94941-2284

From: [Ronald Gaul](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop drilling on federal public land
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:48:59 PM

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To:
Sec Haaland, and Principal and Dep Asst Sec Daniel-Davis,

On behalf of Red River Valley Climate Action, we thank you for holding the Public Forum on Federal Oil and Gas Program, March 25, 2021. We are gladdened by Sec Haaland's leadership in opening up this process to many stakeholders who had long been denied a seat at this table. Seeing the Indigenous nations and Tribal Governments front and center was an excellent first start. Having Equity representatives from the South, Urban, African-American, and Latin communities was also long overdue. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

We must move forward with the elimination of fossil fuel extraction from our federal lands, exclusive of Tribal land. The global climate crisis, and rampant pollution of this industry necessitates immediate action in this regard. We must have more say on pollution abatement standards that the oil companies must adhere to, in order to protect the public health of communities in and around all drilling sites.

This brings me to the two areas that need improvement in future stakeholder input.

1. The role of the EPA and USGS must be highlighted. Their representatives need to listen to our concerns, and give monitoring and enforcement updates on air and water pollution caused by fossil fuel extraction.
2. There needs to be more scientific and medical input in these panels, from academia, medical and professional boards, and researchers with published peer reviewed studies. At the very least, this must include climatologists, hydrologists, conservation biologists, and doctors and medical researchers. The latter should come from the fields of pulmonary pathology and toxicology. The Biden Administration must make good on its promise to put science back in control.

Thank you all so much for this opportunity to be involved in heading off a global calamity.

Yours very truly,

Ron Gaul
Red River Valley Climate Action
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Fargo, ND
58103
701-936-9959

From: [Jodie Ray Kelley](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No New Lease Sales
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:24:02 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my concern over potential new energy leases for public lands. Those lands play a critical role in the health of our planet. Fossil fuels play a role in destroying that health. First and foremost to protect the lands and plants and animals that occupy them, but also to move in the direction of renewable energy and the Paris Accord, it is important that no new energy leases be granted. Expiring leases should not be renewed.

Sincerely,

Jodie Ray Kelley
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Lake Stevens, WA 98258

From: doug.goodner@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Omer Goodner](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:07:20 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I value our public lands and waters, and deplore they have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is dangerous, causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution, and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and devastates public lands.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Omer Goodner
811 3rd St
Kalona IA, 52247-9493

From: [Martin Fisher](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please phase out oil, gas, and logging permits on public land
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:54:32 PM

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Dear Secretary Haaland,

I am writing to urge you to phase out fossil fuel development and logging on public lands in the United States. I appreciate that President Biden took the step to pause new oil and gas leasing on public lands as an evaluation is made of the climate effects of energy extraction. I encourage a rigorous review of this science, which I am confident will show that fossil fuel development worsens the climate and extinction crisis.

Public lands and waters belong to the American people. They should provide a safe harbor for species by protecting the ecosystems, and they should be kept safe from destructive oil, gas, and mining extraction.

Further, I encourage the administration to add logging to the list of practices that will be examined during this study (and potentially banned on public land). Timber operations destroy habitats, pollute drinking watersheds, lead to slope instability and erosion, release pesticides and herbicides into soil and water, and increase the risk and severity of wildfires. Additionally, forests are an effective and free carbon sink, as the trees in them capture and store carbon--- this is essential and must be protected as we combat climate change.

Thank you for your consideration,
Martin Fisher

From: [Regan Fisher](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please stop oil, gas, and logging leases on public lands
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:53:20 PM

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Thank you for your consideration,
Regan Fisher

From: jldabrowski=verizon.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [John Dabrowski](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:30:03 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I value our public lands and waters, and I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking on public lands must end. Please preserve our public lands and waters and halt all leasing for oil and gas extraction.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

John Dabrowski
1 Sheldon Street
Burlington MA, 01803-1411

From: [Bill Madsen](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My Response
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:25:12 PM

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Dear Current Recipients at this address;

You people and your leader are leading my country down the path to implosion and being 'owned' by foreign governments.

Biden arbitrarily puts the oil industry, a huge sector of our economy and employment, on 'pause'. Such a pretty, nice soft sounding world. Let me say it again (Biden-speak) 'pause'. This done simply for a Kodak moment for the far left.

Listen, if you don't have a problem and you don't have an answer for a problem if you have one, the answer is NOT to just put it on pause while your handlers devise something to fix it, you wait until you have a plan. Absolute insanity that will lead us quickly back to being at the mercy of the Middle East. Gas prices have doubled and what has been gained. Not a damn thing. Let me say that again, Not, a, damn, thing.

Secondly, another 'aren't I a wonderful old great-gran-pa-pa' moment. You renege on our word and promise to our dear neighbor, Canada, by pulling the rug out from under them on Keystone. This after they had invested BILLIONS of dollars, having trusted us. I am ashamed of our country for this. You don't flip-flop and do 180's and layoff thousands of high paid workers for another damned Kodak, look at me, thanks for the votes, moment.

We can't switch from oil to solar just by flipping a switch, it takes time. There is no need to kill jobs and make us look like idiots and a country who's word is not to be trusted, while you ponder ways and print up cash under fake interest rates gifting all your friends and liberal states. This is political BS at its worst.

Reopen the oil industry and apologize to Canada and the world and pay them their losses for your stupidity, and restart Keystone with a bonded guarantee to not play politics with it again.

I am disgusted.

Now send a report to His Senile telling him to do this and then all of you resign and go away.

Bill Madsen

From: [Sue Ann Roberts](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No New Oil, Coal, and Gas Leases
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:05:57 PM

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Please, no new leases of fossil fuel on public lands! I love our public land, enjoy hiking and exploring these magnificent areas. I have seen what the lands look like in New Mexico with pumps and fencing on public land. This is NOT worth a few dollars gain today in exchange for raping of land for the future! Look at this gift of nature and preserve it!

Sue Ann Roberts
Saint George, UT
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: rick.mcbane.email@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Richard McBane](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:01:09 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. Our public lands should be preserved for future generations, not given over to oil natural gas extraction. I has no place on public lands.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must wean our economy from the extraction and burning of fossil fuels, and that requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Richard McBane
PO Box 12823
Raleigh NC, 27605-2823

From: [JoLynn Jarboe](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] phase out fossil fuels
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 11:34:39 AM

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I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for states and communities that are economically dependent on and impacted by federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Alan Carlton](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No New Leases
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 9:54:06 AM

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Leases and oil damage the environment.

From: stephaniemalady@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Stephanie Malady](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 9:16:34 AM

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Dear Haaland,

Our public lands and waters need sound stewardship. Violating our public lands with fossil fuel drilling and fracking must stop.

Fracking for oil and gas is destructive, toxic and dangerous. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It harms entire ecosystems, including human inhabitants, and it's degrading our public lands. It must end.

If we hope to mitigate the worst disruptions to our climate and increasingly deathly extreme weather events created by human induced global warming, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

I completely support the elimination of fossil fuel production activities on our public lands and the creation of public controlled regenerative energy systems that can be integrated into the life sustaining ecosystems on those same public lands. Systems that employ our people in dignified work with livable economic compensation is in every measure a more desirable and beneficial choice of activities on our priceless common wealth.

Thank you for your stewardship.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Malady
3248 W Hundred Rd
Chester VA, 23831-2114

From: [Linda Salazar](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No new oil and gas leases on public land
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 9:14:39 AM

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We need to stop any increase in global warming for our planet and work on decreasing it. The planet is warming with catastrophe as results. Our entire planet needs to be the focus, land, air and water. Here our public lands need to remain pristine. They belong to us, the people, not corporations for profit.

Sent from my iPad

From: williams_dr57@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David Williams](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 8:20:24 AM

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Dear Haaland,

If you want to see what fracking really does, pressurize the water pipes in your house until they burst. Oklahoma is not known for earthquakes, but has had some due to fracking. Old masonry buildings are especially vulnerable to earthquake damage, which means you're risking ancient historic sites in your quest to make a quick buck before the whole fossil fuel house of cards comes crashing down. Destroying public lands for short term private gains enriches the few while impoverishing the many. Once destroyed, habitats cannot be rebuilt. The seemingly insignificant species we destroy in our greed might have held the key to our own survival. Assaulting nature is assaulting the future of mankind.

We have the technology to transform our energy economy to renewable sources. Solar and wind are cost competitive with fossil fuels, and can be put closer to the point of use, reducing the impact of severe weather, earthquakes, and other disasters. Geothermal and hydroelectric plants are already contributing where hot springs and flowing water exist. Hydrogen is the logical fuel for vehicles, and is available in limited areas already. A nationwide hydrogen fueling system should be developed by adding electrolysis equipment to existing gas stations. Some workers will have to be retrained, but when offshore oil workers learn they can make good money and sleep in their own beds at home every night in green energy manufacturing, installation, and maintenance jobs, their families will be much happier. When underground coal miners learn they won't have to worry about collapses and black lung, they'll also be happier. If you want to support energy projects, support clean ones and you won't get as many of these annoyed petitions.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

David Williams
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Elkmont AL, 35620-4634

From: kmneibert@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Katie DeVito](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 8:11:56 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing to you because we have an important chance today to stop further destruction of our amazing public lands. I am really upset to see that so many public lands have been given to oil and gas companies for oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe and dangerous and has irreparable consequences on the environment and our health.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Katie DeVito
41 Parkview Rd
Chatham NJ, 07928-1441

From: endsley=umich.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Arthur Endsley](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 7:47:00 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing to express my concern for our public lands.

The swelling crowds at our National Parks, since even before the COVID-19 pandemic, have made it clear that we need to expand public lands. The overwhelming desire Americans have to see the outdoors has created a conservation nightmare in our iconic National Park system: overflowing trash bins, extensive erosion, even unburied human feces. We need to do everything we can to maintain and expand access to America's natural resources without endangering the opportunity for future generations to enjoy them.

The history of American land is complicated and tainted by its theft from indigenous people. Today, public lands are still estranged from Americans through extractive capitalism and privatization. In order to combat the climate crisis and prevent the wanton destruction of America's renewable natural beauty, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Arthur Endsley
1807 Jackson Ave
Ann Arbor MI, 48103-4039

From: ecrituncourriel-114@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Du Ng](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 4:22:00 AM

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Dear Haaland,

Please permanently end the sacrifice of public lands to fossil fuel extraction.

Fracking for oil and gas is dangerous to the environment and public health. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly. In addition to pollution, destruction of habitat, and climate consequences, fossil fuel extraction is an enormous drain on taxpayer money. The existence of the fossil fuel industry relies on direct subsidies, favorable tax treatment, and bailouts. While small businesses faced closure during the pandemic, companies in fossil fuel extraction, mining, and related business took over \$4.5 billion through the Paycheck Protection Program. The Federal Reserve used money intended for pandemic aid to buy over \$355M in bonds issued by oil & gas companies.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground. The plundering of public lands and public treasury by the fossil fuel industry must end.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Du Ng
883 Bowen
San Jose CA, 95123-5303

From: jimsteitz=me.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jim Steitz](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Terminate Extraction of Fossil Fuels on Public Land
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:45:57 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I urge you, through your executive authority over the Department of Interior, terminate the sale of coal, oil, and gas on publicly owned and federally managed lands, a mathematically critical policy for keeping climate change below levels that threaten human civilization. While you have committed to infrastructure improvements that address the ‘demand side’ of our fossil fuel addiction, these efforts are sabotaged and undermined by your own Department of Interior, which is selling publicly owned fossil fuels, prolonging the dependence of America and the world on these suicidal but monetarily cheap fuels.

Scientists have shown with overwhelming and ever-increasing evidence that our emissions of carbon dioxide, if pursued for several more decades, will lead to global warming of 4-5 Celsius or more. This level of climate change would devastate the basic life-support functions of Planet Earth, and place in grave jeopardy the persistence of human civilization. The public land reserves of coal, oil, and gas contain far more carbon than can ever be burned, if we wish our children an atmosphere with a tolerable level of carbon dioxide.

To keep climate change below 2 degrees C, as the US committed in the Paris accord, requires that our carbon emissions decline by at least half by 2030, and continue to decline thereafter, and that 80% of known fossil fuels globally must remain underground. The relevant DOI agencies, particularly the Bureau of Land Management, are obligated by their chartering laws to exercise its judgment and rational analysis to manage public resources in a manner that best maximizes the public interest. While these laws mention fossil fuel production, they were written before our understanding of its effects on our atmosphere, and its existential threat to our civilization. No cost-benefit calculation today exists, by which the DOI may deem the sale of these fossil fuels to be in the public interest.

To issue fossil fuel leases on federal land that extend for decades, effectively subsidizing fossil fuels and distorting the true cost of electricity, renders the Paris Accord target mathematically impossible. These leases swamp all other efforts of your Administration to promote alternative energy, conservation, or efficiency. Coal produced on federal lands accounts for 40% of total American production. Moreover, because American domestic consumption is declining, coal companies are lustfully eyeing Asian markets and a series of sites along the US West Coast for export terminals. This trans-Pacific conveyer belt of carbon would doom our children’s atmosphere with equal efficiency, and US public lands must not provide the origin for that conveyer belt of death.

Again, please issue an executive order terminating the sale of publicly owned coal, oil, and gas on public lands. We can either love your children, or we can acquiesce to the Earth's thickening blanket of carbon dioxide, but we cannot do both. The hellish suffering in store them is directly proportional to the duration of our cult of climate science denial and fossil fuels idolization. While this request stretches the boundaries of political normalcy, it is the only action commensurate with the demands of physics and chemistry, without which there will be no other issues left for our children to worry about. Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Jim Steitz
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Gatlinburg TN, 37738-5671

From: tisijptoo@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jan Porter](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:44:55 AM

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Dear Haaland,

The unintended consequences of our addiction to fossil fuels must stop.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Jan Porter
17832 Channel View Dr
Spring Lake MI, 49456-1503

From: dmccjr=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Don McClure Jr](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:05:06 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is dangerous. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands. It must end.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Don McClure Jr
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Champaign IL, 61820-8021

From: sparks707@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Grace Silva](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:20:38 PM

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Dear Haaland,

First Nations peoples have suffered the loss of their lands and have been most affected by the environmental damage to the public lands.

Our public lands should be protected and not rented to the highest corporate bidder because they belonged originally to First Nations, are sacred to First Nations, and damage to them impacts directly upon First Nations. I also humbly add, as a Hispanic American, the public lands are a heritage for all other Americans. One that we need to cherish and protect, too.

Fracking for oil and gas will always be unsafe and dangerous. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and earthquakes. It harms wildlife, people, communities, and the public lands. I support its end.

The extraction and burning of fossil fuels must end. I support your taking a direct stand against the oil and gas industry since no set of regulations can ever make it safe for the public or the environment's health.

Let me thank you for allowing me to express my support for the protection of our public lands and waters. God Bless.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Grace Silva
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North Hollywood CA, 91605-5337

From: romanhattan@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rosemarie Santiesteban](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please - No more oil & gas leasing on OUR public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:11:20 PM

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Dear Haaland,

Congratulations. I am so ecstatic you will truly care for and treasure nature.

I am sorry you are tasked to explain that public land belonging to every citizen and is not there to be gutted or ruined or clear cut to build oil rigs, mines or fracking infrastructure. I know you understand that selling land, wildlife, sacred land, and water (under and above ground) to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking is against everything you and most americans care about.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground. We all must protect the land from corporate greed.

Thank you, and best wishes in your mission to protect public land.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Santiesteban
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New York NY, 10025-1962

From: brad=eecs.berkeley.edu@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Brad Krebs](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please, cease leasing our public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:53:52 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I use, and greatly appreciate, our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how some of our public lands have been given over to private individuals and companies for “resource extraction”, such as gas and oil drilling, mining, fracking and cattle grazing, to name just a few.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Brad Krebs
295 Pleasant View Dr
Pleasant Hill CA, 94523-4008

From: rawitt=verizon.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Rose Ann Witt](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protect Families from SoCalGas' Rushed Toxic Expansion!
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:28:36 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing as a Ventura County resident, parent of a child who suffers daily with petrochemical-pollution-triggered asthma, and consistent voter who makes all my election choices based on human and environmental health, to stand in opposition of SoCalGas' rushed and inadequate remediation proposal and plan to double the size of a historically faulty compressor station across the street from an elementary school in West Ventura, CA.

Identified as a methane super-emitter by NASA, the facility has had a bad track record of leaks and violations. It has also been home to numerous industrial uses over the decades. As a result, the property is contaminated by a number of harmful chemicals, including arsenic, lead, petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). A building slated to be torn down may also contain asbestos.

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) has plans to remediate the site by removing the soil top-layer. I am concerned that DTSC's workplan does not contain the safeguards needed to protect the community from lead-laden dust and airborne contaminants. This is especially alarming given that the site is directly across the street from EP Foster Elementary School and near hundreds of homes with children. Also, the Westside of Ventura is listed by the Cal EPA as a disadvantaged community already facing some of the highest pollution in all California. This should not be the site for any more pollution.

Multiple local organizations and many members of the Westside community previously wrote to DTSC, in February, expressing our worries over the inadequate clean-up plan. DTSC denied the community's request for a bilingual public hearing, citing a lack of public interest. That response is both untrue and completely unacceptable.

Finally, I would like to remind you that IPCC's 1.5C Report, released over two years ago, on October 7, 2018, states that preventing an overshoot of 1.5°C, and thus preventing the most catastrophic impacts of Climate Change (including the devastating heat, drought and wildfires that our county is already experiencing), requires decreasing CO2 emissions by about 45% from 2010 levels by 2030, and reaching net zero around 2050. Doing so will require MASSIVE REDUCTIONS in the use of coal, oil and natural gas. IPCC's report makes it absolutely clear that in a world where clean energy renewables are not only available but also less expensive than their traditional polluting counterparts, fossil fuel energy is both not worth its health, safety, climate and justice impacts and is

INCOMPATIBLE with state and local climate goals. Ventura County should not be allowing ANY additional fossil fuel infrastructure to be built.

I urge you to join the community in demanding the Department of Toxic Substance Control hold an inclusive and bilingual hearing to address further questions. Also, that SoCalGas and government agencies conduct a full Environmental Impact Review of the entire expansion project, which is usually required for toxic projects of this size.

Sincerely,

Rose Ann Witt
1282 Oak Grove Place
Thousand Oaks CA, 91362-4249

From: kyradear@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Kyra Rice](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:06:07 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value the land and water. I disapprove of how the lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

I am honored to be writing this to a Secretary Of Interior, Deb Halland who understands and also values the land and waters.

I am confident that SOI Halland understands that fracking for oil and gas is unsafe, extreme and dangerous. That it causes methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and it is an egregious attack on ecosystems. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands.

Please do everything within your power and ability to put it to an end.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. We must together, take a stand against the oil and gas industry directly. I am writing as your constituent that you have my full support in doing so. We are building a movement to stand with you.

I apologize for the disrespectful language below that I cannot edit.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Kyra Rice
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carmel valley CA, 93924-9004

From: jamie.rowland336@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jamie Rowland](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment about managing public land and water
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:06:58 PM

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Dear Haaland,

My name is Jamie and I am writing to express my disapproval with oil and gas operations on public land-it is all inherently dangerous with methane leaks and pollution. I believe fossil fuel use must end to effectively remediate the impacts of climate change.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Jamie Rowland
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Brooklyn NY, 11203-3133

From: janicelola=att.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Janice Phillips](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:44:28 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Janice Phillips
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Chappell Hill TX, 77426-0454

From: pamela6202000@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Pamela Parks](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:25:26 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I value our public lands and waters and disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking. Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe, extreme and dangerous, causing massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes.

Fracking disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it is devastating public lands, which must stop. In order to combat the climate crisis, we must refrain from the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Pamela Parks
3636 16th St NW
Washington DC, 20010-1146

From: pamela6202000@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Pamela Parks](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:24:48 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I value our public lands and waters and disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking. Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe, extreme and dangerous, causing massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes.

Fracking disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it is devastating public lands, which must stop. In order to combat the climate crisis, we must refrain from the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this petition.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Pamela Parks
3636 16th St NW
Washington DC, 20010-1146

From: cathyjoly@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Cathy Joly](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:19:13 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am hopeful that you will protect our public lands. We have already damaged our home so much, we need to switch to healing the earth. Fossil fuels are the past, not the future. I would support using some public lands for solar and wind energy generation; obviously not in situations where the installation would damage an already fragile ecosystem. I believe renewable energy combined with regenerative organic agriculture [as championed by the farmers and scientists of the Real Organic Project] can provide a solid start in healing the damage we have done.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Cathy Joly
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Temple NH, 03084-4424

From: lswoodall@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sandra Woodall](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:15:45 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands. It must end.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Sandra Woodall
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San Antonio TX, 78212-1203

From: agapereuben@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [David McFarland](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:39:56 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to profit-making extractive industries.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

David McFarland
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Pittsburgh PA, 15212-4523

From: shoelessbivouac@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Gertie Richard](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:38:23 PM

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Dear Haaland,

Because I value the continuing preservation of America's public lands and waters, I am alarmed just how our public lands have been gifted to oil companies for the the drilling of oil, gas, and more recently fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas remains unsafe, extreme, and dangerous even in the short term, while heightening long term concerns.

Fracking has already caused massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution, and even extraordinary earthquakes.

Fracking disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands.

It must end.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

It is crucial to our collective future, that we commit to keep remaining fossil fuels in the ground — we must discontinue any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent dangers of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment both now and into a more hopeful future.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Gertie Richard
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Bear Valley CA, 95223-5215

From: mviders13@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Marsha Viers](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:38:12 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Secretary Haaland, you of all people know and understand what needs to be done. I am here standing with you in spirit and wishing you every success in halting the degradation of America's wild places.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Marsha Viers
23396 Audrey
Warren MI, 48091-3141

From: lentjohn@msu.edu on behalf of [John Lent](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] public lands
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:37:55 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I find it absurd and unacceptable that we are allowing fossil fuel companies to exploit our public lands, especially now that we face an existential threat from global warming. We should not allow public resources to be used for private profit. We must not in any way subsidize or enable fossil fuel extraction, and we must put all our efforts and resources into promoting renewable energy.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

John Lent
461 glenmoor
east lansing MI, 48823-3981

From: grizzalo@hotmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Jennifer Nitz](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:37:52 PM

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Dear Haaland,

Our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is dangerous. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and is devastating public lands.

To combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground, and not allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Nitz
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Missoula MT, 59802-3937

From: yellowkayak=me.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Margaret Tilden](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:37:45 PM

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Dear Haaland,

Public lands and water should never have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking. It is dangerous in many ways! Gas and oil drilling and fracking is horrible in all ways, and especially on public lands! Instead of giving away or selling public land for such harmful things, they need to be protected and more need to be acquired.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Margaret Tilden
PO Box 150733
San Rafael CA, 94915-0733

From: gudwill72@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [William Gilbert](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:37:33 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I value our public lands and waters. I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we can't allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

William Gilbert
1 GINNY LANE
CRESCENT CITY CA, 95531-9524

From: smckee57=earthlink.net@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Sarah McKee](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:37:32 PM

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Dear Haaland,

It's great to be able to address you as Secretary Haaland!

This is to say that I disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

The U.S. must stop burning fossil fuels for energy. Now. We must therefore stop extracting them from the Earth.

Fracking for oil and gas is dangerous. You know this. It causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution, and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating the public lands that belong to us all. It must end.

The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Sarah McKee
9 Chadwick CT
Amherst MA, 01002-2825

From: fiddling.girl@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Meghan Merker](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters!!!!
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:23:37 PM

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Dear Haaland,

I am writing because I care deeply about our public lands and waters. I strongly disapprove of how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking.

Fracking for oil and gas is unsafe, extreme and dangerous. It causes dangerous amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands. It must end.

In order to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

We must keep fossil fuels in the ground — we cannot and must not allow any further drilling and fracking on public lands. The inherent danger of fracking means that no set of regulations can ever make it safe for public health or the environment.

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Meghan Merker
1325 Bachelor Mountain Rd.
Dillon MT, 59725-9740

From: leahdehmohseni@gmail.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [leah dehmohseni](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The workers must be UNIONIZED to ensure safety while doing cleanup!
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:09:07 PM

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Dear Haaland,

In addition to all of the concerns brought by this coalition of organizers, I am DEEPLY concerned about the labor force that will be doing the cleanup. It's far too common that during the cleanup of a crisis, cheap labor is used and workers are exposed at unsafe levels. These workers must be unionized and given the strongest protection possible.

This site must not be expanded. The lack of safety for the community members is absolutely jarring- this residential area overlaps industry at rates that are only seen in low income areas. I would like to emphasize the points made by the community organizer Alex Garcia by CAUSE because this would never happen in Malibu.

Stop the disaster that is bound to happen. Infrastructure such as this one are bound to fail.

I urge you to join the community in demanding the Department of Toxic Substance Control hold an inclusive and bilingual hearing to address further questions. Also, that SoCalGas and government agencies conduct a full Environmental Impact Review of the entire expansion project, which is usually required for toxic projects of this size.

Sincerely,

leah dehmohseni
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From: [Weinstein, Bernard](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on federal oil and gas program
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:52:57 PM

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April 7, 2021

U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, DC

To whom it may concern:

During his first week in office, President Joe Biden issued two executive orders restricting oil and gas activity on federal lands and waters. The first imposed a 60-day pause on issuing new drilling permits and the second suspended new oil and gas leasing pending a review by the Department of the Interior on existing lease and permitting practices.

The Department has invited public comment on the federal government's oil and gas program. To that end, I would urge the Department and the Biden Administration to consider the following in determining the future of oil and gas production on federal lands and waters:

*Production on federal lands currently accounts for 25 % of domestic oil production and 13% of natural gas production.

*Restricting domestic production may once again make us a net energy importer instead of a net exporter as we are today, thereby diminishing energy security and increasing our trade deficit.

3. *America has the potential to become the world's largest exporter of liquefied natural gas.

4. *Despite the rapid growth of renewables like wind and solar, oil and natural gas will continue to account for the majority of domestic energy consumption for at least the next 30 years.

5. *As recent stress on the nation's electricity grids has shown, we need base-load power from nuclear, coal, oil, and natural gas to ensure grid reliability and stability.

I amplify some of these "energy realities" in two recent commentaries linked below:

<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/536305-the-biden-administration-needs-an-energy-reality-check>

https://www.realclearenergy.org/articles/2021/04/05/until_something_better_comes_along_well_need_base-load_power_for_grid_reliability_771424.html

Yours sincerely,

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Bernard L. Weinstein, Ph.D.

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From: shellsilbert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michele Silbert](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:09:15 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I am very appreciative of the climate review you plan to undertake on federal fossil fuel programs, and encourage a strong and greatly needed leadership role from the Department of the Interior. Our children's future, and the future of all species, depends upon the outcome of such a review, and we must do everything possible to ensure that we have a sustainable Earth upon which to live.

After years of fossil fuel subsidies, we deserve a rigorous environmental impact study that determines how best to manage a survivable climate, which I believe will necessitate an end to new fossil fuel leasing. Oil and gas production has declined during the pandemic, which shows that it is possible to use this important pause as a way to transition to cleaner energy for our country.

I live on the Colorado Plateau, where we are living with the realities of prolonged drought, increasing wildfire danger, and visible loss of species. We are seeing a decline in backyard bird that is consistent with what has been reported nationally. Our well has dropped to its lowest level since we started measuring it eight years ago. We are witnessing in our communities the social, economic and environmental costs of climate change in our own community when we now have to haul water, harden homes for wildfire, and fear the lack of snowpack. The Animas River is at a historic low, impacting the tourism industry is the foundation of our town, as well as water availability for farms, industries, and homes.

We cannot afford inaction. The United States must become a powerful global leader on climate change, and one place to demonstrate that commitment is by permanently halting new leasing on public lands and waters.

My husband developed asthma in his sixties after moving to this area. Perhaps it's because we live beneath the largest methane cloud in the country, which has been shown to be primarily a result of leaking oil and gas infrastructure. We all breathe the same air, but the impacts are disproportionately affecting the low-income and Navajo communities that live closest to the concentration of wellfields.

We are already in trouble due to methane emissions from from oil and gas fields across the globe that are already producing. We simply cannot afford to develop new oil and gas leases. The industry has enough leases, and is sitting on a huge number of idle leases. For the health of people and the environment that give us life, we must end new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters.

I, along with the future generations who cannot yet speak for themselves, implore you to demonstrate leadership and collaboration with other federal agencies, tribal governments, state governments, and the U.S. Congress towards phasing out fossil fuel production on federal lands and waters. It won't be easy, and it requires consideration of the communities that have become dependent on boom and bust fossil fuel economies to find new economic options that help them through the transition, and that are fair and equitable for all.

I am grateful for your leadership, and ask full consideration of the costs of new leases on federal lands. I think, once closely examined through an EIS process, the answer we need will become clear.

Sincerely,
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From: irosenst@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Izzy Rosenstein](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Use
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:47:26 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. Please begin to phase out the usage of harmful fossil fuels on public lands!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [graeme.scott](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment
Date: Sunday, April 4, 2021 9:55:58 PM

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To Whom It May Concern;

As Of 2021 We as a Country need to move forward quickly to ween ourselves off Oil And Gas Development in the US. Instead Set Examples of Green Energy technologies. Harvesting Wind, Solar Energy Is our Future. Please move this technology along on our Public Lands and All Federal Lands.

Please continue to Build public access points with signage to allow Use. The King Range BLM Area needs Much Improvement.

Prescribed Burning to improve Health of our Lands. Thanks For Listening, Graeme Scott

From: [Peter Hamilton](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hey ! What"s wrong with you people
Date: Sunday, April 4, 2021 1:30:20 AM

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From: [Cynthia Melhado](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please keep me informed!
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 8:41:39 PM

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Thank you for all your information and help.
Cynthia Lynn Breeding Melhado
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Austin Texas
78728

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From: stormdragon71@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Rachael Denny](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reviewing Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 2:33:03 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I am writing, this time, to thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I encourage you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study, being aware that it will likely confirm what many scientists have already said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

It is estimated that pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises, and should also benefit public health, especially in low-income and minority communities, which tend to be disproportionately impacted by pollution and climate disruption.

I urge you, also, to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

We must fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of new oil and gas leasing on public lands. Failure to do so could have disastrous consequences-for our country, and for the world.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Rachael Denny
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From: [Kathleen Smith](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End the federal oil and gas leasing program [public comment]
Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 2:43:44 PM

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[public comment]

As a recreational user of our nation's public lands and waters, I urge you to terminate the federal oil and gas leasing program. Fossil fuel development is a damaging practice that puts our environment and human communities at risk. It also exacerbates climate change impacts as our nation and world struggle to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Oil and gas development is broadly opposed by communities, businesses, tribes and the public. This is especially true when it comes to offshore drilling. To date, more than 380 municipalities, 2,500 elected officials, 55,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families have formally opposed new offshore oil and gas development.

Please protect our nation's environment, communities and the future of our planet by ending the federal oil and gas leasing program.

From: pbeves@yahoo.com@mg.gospringboard.io on behalf of [Peter Beves](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more oil & gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 7:01:20 AM

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Dear Haaland,

I oppose how our public lands have been given over to oil companies for gas and oil drilling and fracking. You may be the administrator, but this is our land and our legacy - not a bargaining chip for currying favor with the corporate America.

You must know fracking for oil and gas causes massive amounts of methane leakage, water contamination, air pollution and even earthquakes. It disrupts wildlife, harms people and communities, and it's devastating public lands.

You must also know to combat the climate crisis, we must stop the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. This requires taking a stand against the oil and gas industry directly.

The question is are you the person to help build a viable future or the person who will drag us backwards into an unlivable morass?

Ending fracking on public lands and waters is a no-brainer. I urge you to keep our public lands and waters protected and not in the hands of oil and gas companies.

Sincerely,

Peter Beves
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Lunenburg MA, 01462-1609

From: [Dave Stone](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop the mine by Boundary Waters Canoe Area
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 8:33:02 AM

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Boy, do you have your work cut out for you undoing all the illegal mischief left by the Trump Administration.

Please be sure to include reversing the illegal, disastrous decision regarding the mine by the BWCA in your actions. The BWCA is a national treasure.

Thank you.

David Stone

From: [Brian Doherty \(Bdoherty00\)](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas Development
Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 12:20:44 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to leasing public lands and waters for gas and oil development as well as to show my support for the current pause on new lease sites. Now is the time to invest in alternative forms of energy, and begin respecting and restoring the places that provide so much to all of us.

Thank You,
Brian

From: [Bill Midcap](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Lands
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 6:29:46 PM

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“Rural communities depend on the wise stewardship of our public lands and natural resources in order to sustain our ranching economies and maintain energy independence. Unfortunately, in recent years the outdated policies of the federal oil and gas leasing system have prioritized oil and gas leasing above all else, leaving rural communities in the dust. The Biden administration’s forum proved that the time for considering all land-use opportunities, including ranching, farming, and conservation, has begun. Public lands belong to each and every one of us, and we look forward to the opportunity to offer our perspective as the Biden administration continues its review of the federal leasing system.”

Bill Midcap, Senior Policy Advisor, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

Sincerely,

Bill Midcap

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
Santa Fe, New Mexico

From: [reece pacheco](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment: Opposition to oil and gas leasing on public lands and waters
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 6:10:33 PM

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To the Department of the Interior,

Thank you for putting a temporary pause on new oil and gas leasing on public lands and waters.

Now, it is time to also put an end to it.

Our public land and waters are vital ecosystems, providing important services to us as humans. Putting these ecosystems at risk through oil and gas development makes no sense, socially, environmentally, or economically.

Furthermore, we are in a climate crisis. Permitting and adding any new infrastructure that keeps us business as usual going, keeps us burning fossil fuels, and failing to meet imperative emissions reductions targets is insane.

It is time to stop any new oil and gas development once and for all.

Thank you for your service to our country, this planet, and all future generations.

Best
Reece Pacheco
Ventura, CA 93001

From: [Nora Corbett](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose new oil and gas drilling on public lands and waters!
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 9:52:22 AM

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Please help protect the most important resource we have! I want you to know that we support the opposition to new oil and gas drilling.

Please do what you can to protect our water and land!!!

Sincerely,
Nora Corbett

From: [Mary. Fitzpatrick](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Citizen Comments on Future Coastal Oil and Gas Drilling
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 12:00:11 AM

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The ocean plays a major role in governing life on Earth. Keep it clean.
We cannot live without the sea; its temperature governs ours. Keep it pure.
I'd rather ride my bike and walk than live with more coastal oil and gas drilling. Keep it out.
No more gas and oil drilling. My life and yours **depend on you saying NO to fossil fuel.**
Thank you for hearing my voice.

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Mary Fitzpatrick
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From: [Cislo, Kevin J](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT Regarding Wind Energy - Concerned About Our Environment
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 9:14:53 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

Wind Power is a bad Idea for the following reasons -

Onshore wind farms can have significant impacts on the landscape,[5] as typically they need to be spread over more land than other power stations[6][7] and need to be built in wild and rural areas, which can lead to "industrialization of the countryside"[8] and habitat loss.[7] The aesthetic aspects of wind power stations may conflict with the protection of historical sites.[134] Habitat loss and fragmentation are the greatest impacts of wind farms on wildlife. Conflicts arise especially in scenic and culturally important landscapes. For us in Washington State, wind farms are blight on the landscape where in the foreground of our National Park Treasures. Wind turbines also generate noise, and at a residential distance of 300 meters (980 ft) this may be around 45 dB; Loud or persistent noise increases stress which could then lead to diseases. Wind facilities have attracted the most attention for impacts on iconic raptor species, including golden eagles. The Pine Tree Wind energy project near Tehachapi, California has one of the highest raptor mortality rates in the country; by 2012 at least eight golden eagles had been killed according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).[97] Biologists have noted that it is more important to avoid losses of large birds as they have lower breeding rates and can be more severely impacted by wind turbines in certain areas. Bats may be injured by direct impact with turbine blades, towers, or transmission lines. Recent research shows that bats may also be killed when suddenly passing through a low air pressure region surrounding the turbine blade tips.[84] The numbers of bats killed by existing onshore and near-shore facilities have troubled bat enthusiasts.[119] In April 2009 the Bats and Wind Energy Cooperative released initial study results showing a 73% drop in bat fatalities when wind farm operations are stopped during low wind conditions, when bats are most active.[120] It is hypothesized that a portion of bat fatalities are attributed to the wind displacement caused by the wind turbine blades as they move through the air causing insects in the area to become disoriented making it a dense area of prey – an attractive hunting ground for bats.[123]] Another peer-reviewed study suggested that using wind turbines to meet 10 percent of global energy demand in 2100 could actually have a warming effect, causing temperatures to rise by 1 °C (1.8 °F) in the regions on land where the wind farms are installed, including a smaller increase in areas beyond those regions. This is because of wind turbines on both horizontal and vertical atmospheric circulation. Whilst turbines installed in water would have a cooling effect, the net impact on global surface temperatures would be an increase of 0.15 °C (0.27 °F). Wind turbines require aircraft warning lights, which may create light pollution. Complaints about these lights have caused the US FAA to consider allowing fewer lights per turbine in certain areas.[148] Residents near turbines may complain of "shadow flicker" caused by rotating turbine blades when the sun passes behind the turbine. If a turbine is poorly sited and adjacent to many homes, the duration of shadow flicker on a neighborhood can last hours.[149] Some turbine nacelle fires cannot be extinguished because of their height and are sometimes left to burn themselves out. In such cases they generate toxic fumes and can cause secondary fires below. [152] Given the increasing size of production wind turbines, blade failures are increasingly relevant when assessing public safety risks from wind turbines. The most common failure is the loss of a blade or part thereof[160].

Common environmental concerns associated with offshore wind developments include:[162]

The risk to seabirds being struck by wind turbine blades or being displaced from critical habitats; Underwater noise associated with the installation process of monopile turbines; The physical presence of offshore wind farms altering the behavior of marine mammals, fish, and seabirds by reasons of either attraction or avoidance; Potential disruption of the near-field and far-field marine environments from large offshore wind projects.

Professionally,

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From: laikarocket@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Roland Goyette](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 9:28:51 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [F. Amanda Ogbebor](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum
Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 4:32:16 PM

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I was not able to attend the above mentioned forum. Just wondering where I may be able to obtain the information from this forum. Perhaps there is somewhere I am able to watch a rebroadcast/recording. Please let me know. Thanks in advance.

Kind regards,

Felicia Ogbebor

From: urrghplay@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Peter Linton](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 8:25:13 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,
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From: [Paul Merritt](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Forum on Federal Oil and Gas Program
Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 9:29:43 AM

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I oppose any further oil or gas collection from public lands or waterways

Now is the time to begin the shift from fossil fuel.

If the future strategic situation demands additional resources of this nature, we can always revisit this issue.

Sincerely,

LtCol (Ret) Paul C Merritt

From: dldeprez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [David DePrez](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021 8:26:36 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I am THRILLED that you replaced Sec Bernhardt, an avowed oil lobbyist. I urge you to work to enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: savlove@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [John Savlove](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 8:22:07 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Environmental impact studies only do so much, that is, they study, but they have yet to galvanize consciousness in favor of a safer relationship between humanity, Earth, and other related aspects to living on the only habitable planet under this Sun.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals. The United Nations is quite serious about threats of extinction.

It is a little too late to blame the whole mess on white people or the wealthy elite. The diets of poor minorities - including poor white folk - are just as attractive to the uneducated of those populations as they are to the people who created them. Indeed, the only way to raise consciousness is to love everyone equally, with a power that transcends - or is it "cuts through"?! - the Us and Them mentality that seems baked in to the white sugar, red meat, and lust for violence that has been around since long before the English were brutally enslaving the Irish.

The sensible people of the world urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development. That includes the ravaged country side, the bleak urban landscape, the impossibly ugly ex-urbs, the do-or-die morality of workers at every level on the chain, and of course wise romantics like me who have been pushed aside for being too kind. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Once it is truly understood how the crisis affects us all --- and that emotional levels are just as integral as technical ones, both in terms of the problems and the innovations needed to encourage solutions --- then the United States will be showing the kind of integrity, power, and drive that made the United States Number One back when the country was rising, or rather tearing into, the proverbial "empty city".

In good will,

Sincerely,
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From: vesey1912@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Robin Vesey](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021 6:13:15 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership.

It's past time for the US to lead the global effort to phase out fossil fuel development by ending new leasing on public lands and waters. Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

Please do everything you can to stop any new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production, starting now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [Algonquin Peak](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Executive Order 14008 Review Oil and Gas Leasing Program
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021 5:25:14 PM

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Ladies and Gentlemen, We have for years been waiting for the review of the Oil and Gas Leasing operations on public lands and waters. We are pleased that President Biden and his administration have finally begun the process.

As frequent users of public lands in Utah and Colorado, we have witnessed the destruction of unbridled oil and gas leasing on the landscape. It can even be seen from the air on flights from Salt Lake City to Grand Junction.

We are supportive of arresting the leasing of additional acres under the current oil and gas lease program. We remember back in the early eighties when millions of additional public lands in the National Wilderness Preservation System came under lease. This was because the 1964 Wilderness Act had put a sunset on the filing of new leases until 1984. It was obvious to us oil and gas interests were purchasing these leases on the cheap. The plan was then to wait for when an area was to finally be protected or the lease cancelled, the leaseholders could claim a "property right" to the millions of dollars of supposed subsurface resources and be awarded a huge buyout. The Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Rocky Mountain Front in the Lewis and Clark National Forest come to mind. We are supportive of the retiring of leases in the Badger Two Medicine area but one persists, Solenex.

As we watched the Forum Video, we were shocked that the federal government only received a little over \$3 Billion in royalties from the OCS program! 611,000,000 million barrels of oil produced. Even if the price of a barrel of oil was low at \$40 per barrel, and it wasn't, that's \$ 24,440,000,000. Let's forget for a moment about natural gas production. Maybe my calculation is wrong but only a little more than \$3 billion received for \$24,440,000,000 value of product? In addition, the public pays for the planning and the companies get all costs and depreciation for equipment and expenses. And to think the recently passed Great Outdoors America Act permanently allocated \$900,000,000 yearly for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and that was even attempted to be side lined by Trump.

So, it's about time the lease rates paid, royalties paid and the financial security rates for leaseholders be increased dramatically. 12.5% for onshore royalties. What is the percentage rate for OCS royalties? Tell me if my calculations are wrong! Most oil and gas is produced from private and state lands and the lease and royalty rates are much higher! Oil and gas consumption is declining as well.

If there is product to be retrieved and a lease has been granted and a permit to drill and produce granted, the product should be produced immediately. Any environmental clean up

should be borne by the leaseholder. Sensitive lands and waters should never be leased.

We are for permanently banning leasing on additional federal lands. Energy Security is a farce such as clean coal. To achieve energy security stop exporting oil and gas, increase the CAFE Standards to 50 miles per gallon, encourage incentives for photovoltaics on every rooftop, increase efficiency for household and industrial appliances.

In conclusion, we support the moratorium on the leasing program. It has been abused and the public and the sensitive environment pays the price.

Make the ban forever.

Sincerely,

Clifford and Pearl Bove, New Hyde Park, New York

From: bcoffey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Benita Coffey](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021 3:28:20 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Just this morning I was reading what I think was a native American Indian belief that we are right now borrowing from the next generations as we use natural resources!

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

You know all the information/reasons this is a necessity and a responsibility.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production. .

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: QQQKT@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Qat Boaterre](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021 2:30:20 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs.

Please end all extractive industry on public lands now; not just fossil fuels, but also logging, mining, and grazing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [John Bachman](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Use of public lands
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021 12:32:28 PM

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The leasing of public lands for cattle, sheep and goat grazing should cease. It is detrimental to the land and the meat industry is a major contributor to greenhouse gases. The lands should be allowed to return to previous state and the native wildlife allowed to return including deer and wild horses. The leasing at low rates is a subsidy for ranchers and should stop.

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From: [Kay Randall](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Drilling on BLM Land
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 8:58:26 PM

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Under no circumstances should anyone ever be allowed to drill on Bureau of Land Management Land. There is no reason to open this land to oil drilling. We should be moving away from fossil fuels as it is destroying our planet. So my vote is NO!!

Sincerely,

Kay M. Randall

From: vegan_gal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sarah Richter](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 8:21:32 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs.

I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study (EIS) so as to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: babs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Babs Alvernaz](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Fossil Fuel Leasing Now!
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 5:21:38 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I am so happy you are now our Secretary for the Department of the Interior. We need someone like you who cares about the environment. I am asking you to do an environmental impact study and end fossil fuel leasing and begin a decline in production. We need to find other sources of energy instead of polluting, dirty fossil fuels.

Fossil fuels are continuing to push our daily temperatures higher and higher, this is a danger for all living species. Our goal should be to decrease temperatures to combat Global Warming.

If we can all work together; tribes, Congress and other federal agencies to phaseout federal fossil fuel production we can begin creating a cleaner environment for everyone.

The United States must be the leader in fighting against global warming. Doing nothing is not an option.

Thank you for working toward a better world.

Sincerely,
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From: pshrock1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Peter Shrock](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 4:50:08 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. Any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [Michelle Jenkins](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Federal Oil & Gas
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 4:06:40 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I just wanted to let you know that I think taking away leases on federal land and stopping the pipeline is a big mistake. Not just for the economy in every city and town that relies on them, but for the environment as well. You think that stopping the pipeline will help the environment? That oil will still get where it needs to go. It will be put in trucks and trains instead, which creates a lot more pollution than any pipeline will. This “pause” on leases is based on caving to people’s feelings and political moves than on actual facts. It’s not based on any environmental or economic facts. Stop this ridiculousness and end the “pause” on federal land leases. For the environment and our economy.

Michelle Jenkins

From: ninashilling@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nina Shilling](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop using public land to worsen fossil fuel pollution!
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 2:48:03 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I was overjoyed to learn that you were selected as Secretary of the Interior, because I trust that because you have a lineage of working in harmony with the natural world, that you will champion turning us back from our climate crisis, which has a lot to do with the use of fossil fuels. For this reason I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet. Not only that, but it is clear that the effects of pollution disproportionately affect people of color and our low income population, so from the point of view of social justice, this is a crucial issue as well.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: seamancas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carol Seaman](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 2:31:30 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I am elated that our current Administration has an agenda that includes preserving our public lands and preventing new drilling on those lands. Phasing out existing fossil fuel operations is a goal worthy of a strategic plan. Recognizing that we cannot abandon fossil fuels entirely until sustainable energy sources are sufficient to meet the need, we should have a plan that 1) eliminates the expansion of such activity, and 2) creates an anticipated timeline for existing operations. This will give businesses and communities an opportunity to plan, adapt and hopefully join the necessary journey to a better future.

Thank you for all you do. So many of us are excited to have you on board. Finally we have a manager of our lands who actually cares about them as opposed to viewing them simply as places to be exploited.

Sincerely,
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From: clarice-b@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Clarice Bales](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 1:01:59 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

First of all, congratulations on your position to being Secretary of the Interior! I am happy you were confirmed to the position and am happy to see an Indigenous person in this pivotal role.

I'm asking you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new leasing for fossil fuels and start a decline in production. So many regular people are now beginning to understand just how little time we have to make these changes to stay within the 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming and not go over that already dangerous mark. New leasing of public lands to oil and gas companies IS incompatible with goals Biden has set.

I know it will be an uphill battle to get many other government officials to see that this is what must happen, probably because their pockets are lined with oil and gas money from lobbyists, but this is about helping low income and communities of color who are and are going to be hit by the worst of climate change as well as protect so many other species from extinction and habitat loss.

I do my best to make changes in my daily routine to drive less, use less plastic, and all that. I do it because my niece is only 4 years old and I don't want her to grow up in a desert that doesn't get the season rain like it did when I was a kid. I don't want her to be constantly bombarded every season with a different natural catastrophe that normally wouldn't have been as bad if we had acted sooner to curb the climate catastrophe.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: mikestevens82@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michael Stevens](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 12:27:04 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [Jann Hickerson](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Biden/Harris oil and gas policies
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 12:26:08 PM

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Dear Sirs,

I am directly affected by the new oil and gas policies and not just at the gas pump, which is outrageous. I am a retired school teacher who taught in New Mexico schools for 27 years. I earned my retirement and health benefits. When I retired in 2009 I had one of the best and most secure retirements in the nation, but no longer. I was born a fourth generation New Mexican and the fifth and sixth generation of our family are living in the state. My great grandparents and grandparents homesteaded New Mexico before it became a state. They built it and you are destroying it. The same with our nation. We had someone in every war starting with the Revolutionary War. They built the nation and they followed the constitution.

New Mexico taxes oil and gas producers and have for decades. That tax money goes into a permanent fund, which backs my retirement, schools, and universities in the state. It was never touched until Michelle Lujan Grisham took office. New Mexico was fourth in production in the USA and bringing in most of the state's revenue. Three fourths of the state is FEDERAL land. The idiotic idea of not drilling on federal land and the halt in fracking has and will continue to destroy our economy nationally. High gas prices will raise the price of everything that must be transported.

Our clothing, shoes, cars, computers, and thousands of other products are made from oil, not alternative sources. Electricity is limited because of the cost of precious mineral that must be strip mined. This is much more harmful to the earth than any CO2 emissions. Try helping India and China with their pollution problems. Our nation is doing fine in that regard., Solar and wind will not keep you warm as we discovered with the recent widespread snow in February. I just cannot wait to get the bill, now that the utility companies have taken a hit. Thanks so much for the higher taxes too. You do not represent the people or care about the people of this nation. We will soon be back to the middle ages with this FOOLISH POLICY!

My retirement is not secure, because of the total Democratic control in New Mexico. The tyrant governor of the state who has wasted millions already is cutting her own throat by destroying the state. I wish that she could be impeached but the Democrats totally control of impeachment laws too. Many friends and families have moved or are planning to leave the state. It is a third world country and a model for what the nation will be soon.

Here is another matter I am disgusted with you about; You have no authority to stop oil and gas production on Tribal Lands. They are a nation unto themselves. I hate how you Democrats think you can change the law or rules suddenly because it is convenient to your agenda. Yet you strip them of their sovereignty. You are worse than traitors.

Climate change will not end the world, but your policies make it seem that way. God will have the final say and every knee will bow and tongue confess he is Lord. He knows all and sees all. You will answer to him sooner or later.

Sincerely,
J. R. Hickerson

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From: [Robert Gilbert](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oil and Gas
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:59:29 AM

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Dear Sirs:

There is no reason to halt exploration and production on public lands. The demand for energy is projected to grow worldwide for the long foreseeable future. Every source will be needed.

Oil and gas companies and states as well as communities have taken significant steps to make the energy industry more clean and more efficient. Federal officials should realize and acknowledge this.

It is hugely inconsistent to allow oil and gas development to go forward on tribal lands, but not other federal lands. This situation is crying for legal challenges. Additionally, just like tribal governments need jobs and revenue from oil production, so do you hundreds of World communities in energy producing states.

No one who understands the energy production process believes that green jobs in whatever form will replace jobs lost by reducing oil and gas production. No economic projections will reflect that. I mean, it will take a huge effort just to replace those jobs lost by the halt of the Keystone pipeline.

One strategy that does make sense is to utilize the national network of gasoline stations to provide places where electric vehicles can be recharged.

Another factor to consider is that mineral-based revenue that flows to states and communities, and local school districts. There is no way that revenues from green energy can replace that. We are talking billions of dollars annually.

Robert Gilbert
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Sent from Bob's iPhone

From: jaweir@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joyce Weir](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] STOP Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 1:45:39 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [samonly@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:samonely@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Joyce King](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congratulations on your appointment
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 12:45:24 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

It is a relief to have someone of your background, expertise, and concern for life and land leading the Interior Department.

We desperately need immediate attention to the crises of climate change, loss of biodiversity, and unsustainable exploitation of natural resources.

The exacerbated loss of species, and general health and habitability of our public lands under the past administration has been heartbreaking.

I fervently hope you can end the federal give-aways to the petroleum, mining, grazing, and timber industries, and steer away from industrial-scale alternative energy use of public lands, such as wind and solar farms which impact the species diversity which depends on our protected natural landscapes. I believe we must confine our energy generation to those places already degraded and uninhabitable to wildlife, like solar installations on rooftops and parking lots.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: fsliu17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [FRANCES LIAU](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End the Extraction of Fossil Fuels and Leasing on Public lands and waters.
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 12:06:06 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Dear Secretary Haaland:

Congratulations on your nomination and approval. It is a joy to see you in the news, to trust your acknowledgement of the responsibility you have to serve and save our public lands.

You know the facts. You have lived in their midst all your life. That is why you are in the estimable position you are now in.

You must use your power to stop federal fossil fuel programs; to stop leasing federal lands and waters for the extraction of that which should stay in the ground for the protection and preservation of all of us who live on, in and over this beautiful mother earth.

For the good of all of us and our climate today and in the future, please do what you know best: Stop the extraction of fossil fuels.

Thank you for your consideration.
Please stay safe, healthy and persevere.

Sincerely,
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From: cdownyocean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Cindy Gaver](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 11:14:48 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs.

I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for for your time.

Sincerely,
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From: sextonmeyer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Elizabeth Sexton](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 10:12:13 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I am very grateful that the way fossil fuel is being extracted from public lands is being reviewed in light of climate change and the ecological degradation of the land as a result.

New oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals. Additionally, it would help to phase out the drilling already allowed.

The past administration did not consider the interests of all parties, giving preference to banks and oil and gas companies.

Our planet has so little time until the meta ecosystems on the planet are broken beyond repair. Please bring a new vision for life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: rushmry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary Rush](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 9:56:21 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I am so glad that you have the opportunity to do inestimable good for this world. Thank you for taking on your new job. I pray for your strength, wisdom and success in making the best decisions for the earth and for the future of all.

My girls and I will continue to try and live lightly, and we hope you will hold true to your highest ideals. United we stand.

In support of your role as Climate Superhero,

Mary Rush

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From: lalavertu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Laura LaVertu](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 9:33:57 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I support ending new fossil fuel leasing and enacting a managed decline of production.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: paulako@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Paula Overholtzer](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 9:28:52 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Please, please phase out fossil fuels. We just watched a new documentary ("Chasing Coral") about how the global climate crisis is causing warming of the oceans and killing coral reefs FAST. Coral and many other species CANNOT take the heat.

Please stop fossil fuels, dangerous farming practices, deforestation, and all other degradation to our precious Planet Earth.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
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From: jeannaples7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jean Naples](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 9:01:47 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I am writing as a New York physician and public health advocate who is a survivor of Superstorm Sandy, has experienced the disaster of climate change and is now totally dependent on the use of renewable energy to power my house as my commitment to combat the disaster of climate change. At this time, I extend my sincere - Thank you - for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I strongly urge you to please undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing on our public lands and enact a managed decline of production. I urge this action because if it is done correctly, it will provide evidence for the fact that scientists have said that there is no room for further fossil fuel development if we want to protect a livable planet.

It is very important to remember that pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields, if fully developed and without factoring in coal, would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

As a physician and public health advocate, I can document that the decision to phase out the federal fossil fuel programs will definitely benefit public health protection, especially that of low-income communities and communities of color who already experience disproportionate pollution and climate impacts. I am very aware of the fact that reducing climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

I very much urge you to please work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production. It is important that this decision is one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

At this time, I thank you for your consideration of my letter. I strongly urge you to please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction for our country and the world. I know that you are aware that it is very important for the United States to demonstrate strong global leadership by ending any new oil and gas leasing on public lands and waters.

.Sincerely,
Jean Marie Naples, MD-Ph.D.

Sincerely,
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From: brenda.frey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Brenda Frey](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 8:41:33 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

They have been pampered and polluting long enough so please use your new position to make sure it stops now.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Brenda

Sincerely,
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From: 587njw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Norma Wallace](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 8:39:39 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

As an Indigenous Californian, Ohlone/Miwok, I am so excited for our country!!! "Pasta for Deb!!!" is what we said, when you shared what you were having for dinner the evening of confirmation.

I am confident you have all our best interests at heart.

alšip-'ek (Chochenyo, thank you)

Sincerely,
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From: rmetzger111@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ryan Metzger](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 6:54:43 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: hhjwny@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Heide Hatry](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] This is for Deb Haaland regarding Fossil Fuel Leasing.
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 6:25:30 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for so much for being there for us! I appreciate your work so much and am so glad about your climate leadership!

I would like to ask you to undertake a rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production.

As I understand

- there is no room or time for further fossil fuel development if we and our children and grandchildren want a livable planet.
- oil and gas pollution will push global warming already past 1.5 degrees Celsius. Therefore there is certainly no space for any new oil, gas or coal leasing.

I urge you to try everything to phaseout of federal fossil fuel production (one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities who are economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.)

Please consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction, that alone should make every politician make the right decisions!

It would be so wonderful if the United States would be able to demonstrate a strong leadership in what matters most - the ability for human beings to continue living on this planet.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: pzsilver@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Paula Silver](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No more Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 5:38:22 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production.

Please fully consider the social, economic, and environmental costs of climate inaction.

Sincerely,
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From: williams_jc_dr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [David Williams](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

We have the technology to transform our energy economy to renewable sources. Solar and wind are cost competitive with fossil fuels, and can be put closer to the point of use, reducing the impact of severe weather, earthquakes, and other disasters. Geothermal and hydroelectric plants are already contributing where hot springs and flowing water exist. Hydrogen is the logical fuel for vehicles, and is available in limited areas already. A nationwide hydrogen fueling system should be developed by adding electrolysis equipment to existing gas stations. Some workers will have to be retrained, but when offshore oil workers learn they can make good money and sleep in their own beds at home every night in green energy manufacturing, installation, and maintenance jobs, their families will be much happier. When underground coal miners learn they won't have to worry about collapses and black lung, they'll also be happier.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: kevinhurley63@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kevin Hurley](#)
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: elaschmann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Erika Aschmann](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to do a rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing. Ultimately we want a livable planet. “We have,” as Lisa Aschmann’s song says, “One one one. One planet with the blues but we’ve got zero, ZERO, zero planets to lose.”

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed (and without even factoring in coal) — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. New oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with rational, sustainable goals.

Interagency collaboration can ensure an equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. It is time for the United States to demonstrate strong global leadership for the safety of generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: rzuck5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ron Zucker](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I appreciate the federal fossil fuel-related climate review. Now it is time to phase out these polluting and climate-warming projects. We are in a climate emergency and we (and future generations) can't wait.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: yphrescue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Miles Layram](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request.
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I am writing to thank you for your wisdom and leadership on the climate issue, and to ask you to set up an in-depth environmental impact assessment regarding fossil fuel leasing, as part of a well-planned decrease in fossil fuel extraction in order to avert a full climate, humanitarian, and ecological catastrophe over the coming years.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this gravely important matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [Patricia Puterbaugh](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] energy
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 2:58:54 PM

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WE WANT CLEAN ENERGY! We need subsidies and research into biomass that can use our surplus of forest products and burned forests for clean energy. More solar on each rooftop. We don't always need big huge arrays of solar panels, but panels on each roof top! Sincerely, Patricia Puterbaugh Cohasset, CA 95973

From: dbain@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Diana Bain](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] END Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 2:37:24 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: dianarain@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Diana LeRoss](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fossil Fuel Leasing on Public Lands and Waters
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 3:47:39 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

We are so proud of your appointment. Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I know you will undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. As you know, there is no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

New oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals. In addition, existing leases must be rescinded. These are the people's lands and those of the animals, floral, and fauna that occupy them and they have been stolen by corporations.

Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will delay the worst of the climate and extinction crises while we work for solutions.

The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for all that you do and are.

Sincerely,
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From: donwalkerjr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Donald Walker](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: audriasmith@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Audria Smith](#)
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I'm thrilled that you are in charge of the Interior, especially after a long and damaging seize on our public lands from the last administration.

I do not know personally all that it will take to get our nation back on track to meet all of our climate goals, steering away from use of fossil fuels and building a healthier infrastructure, but I am confident that you will build a team that is brilliant and conscientious of what we need and how it is done.

Thank you for your compassion towards the Land.

Sincerely,
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From: mjgreen4765@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary Green](#)
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Dear Secretary Haaland,

Congratulations on your appointment to Secretary of Interior! It's wonderful that a Native American is finally given this honor.

I have heard Ada Deer speak, a fellow Wisconsinite Native American, Menominee NationTribe. She was appointed Assistant Secretary of Interior by President Clinton and served as head of BIA 1993-1997. She tells the story of simply getting a round table for meetings was one of her first acts to make meetings more personal and an effective tool.

National Parks are very important to me so I'm asking you to get increased funding for the Parks and Monuments. These lands need to be protected from mining,drilling, timber harvesting, and uncontrolled grazing. The Parks and Monuments need more federal rangers and personnel to operate the Parks. We need to protect them from privatization of the facilities. We can not let the lands to be sold and made smaller for commercial reasons.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Green

Sault Saint Marie Chippewa of Michigan's Upper Peninsula Member

Sincerely,

Mary Green

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From: [Murray Rowden-Rich](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hi an opinion piece from Murray
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 1:52:20 PM

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Dear People, so are you aware that climate change is NEGATIVE repeat NEGATIVE. The world is entering a new ice age.
Have you not heard, record breaking cold temperatures USA this winter just passing. Another gush of record low temperatures next year! GET REAL. Regards, Murray Rowden-Rich Ph.D

From: [Julie High](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fracking
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 1:11:17 PM

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It is my understanding that fracking pollutes the water. Our water is
Not unlimited and we can not afford to pollute it! I believe all fracking
Should be halted, we need to protect our environment.
Juliette High

Sent from my iPad

From: mfwherley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michael Wherley](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius, so any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [MARILYN R SIMPSON](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] the need to update infrastructures
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we need to stop fossil fuel investments and replace them with renewables ... thanks for listening, marilyn simpson,
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From: rona@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Rona Fried](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Give You Full Support to End Federal Fossil Fuel Leases on Public Lands
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 12:45:03 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

As you know, fossil fuels have no place on our public lands and I support you fully in making the controversial decision to stop this program.

Republicans will go wild, but you know it's the right thing to do. There's no need to do a "climate review of federal fossil fuel programs." But I understand that you need to do a comprehensive environmental impact study to defend the decision to end new fossil fuel leases and begin a managed decline of current leases.

Our public lands should be off-limits to extractive activities, including huge solar plants that take land that wildlife desperately needs.

Wildlife should come FIRST on our public lands, not last.

I also want the cattle grazing to stop.

Please put Strong Conservationists as the head of FWS so they will finally stop destroying wildlife .. most urgently WOLVES, which desperately need to be back on the Endangered Species List.

Sincerely,
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From: sburkewashington@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sharon Burke](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please - No More Oil & Gas Leasing on Federal Land
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 12:27:05 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Your appointment as Interior Secretary seems a godsend. As you know, under the Trump administration, the amount of oil and gas leasing on federal land increased dramatically. His administration seemed bent on accelerating climate change or at least make a few people rich enough to ride out the worst of it. As a nation, we've already waited too long to take necessary action to stop climate change, so we have no choice but to act boldly now. Step one should be halting all fossil fuel production on federal land. I know this may cause a hardship to local communities, but that pales in comparison to the catastrophe that is coming for all living things on the planet if we don't act. In response to ending these leases, I believe that the federal government should do what it can to assist the affected communities in helping to move their economies away from fossil fuels. They should not be left to fend for themselves and build more pockets of misplaced anger. And although some may not realize it at first, the positive impact on their health of ending the harmful pollution that is emitted by oil and gas companies, will eventually be much appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programmes. I am writing to ask you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline in production. If done correctly, this will show what scientists have said: there's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with US climate goals.

Phasing out the federal fossil fuel programmes will benefit public health, especially that of low-income communities and communities of colour who already experience disproportionate pollution and climate impacts. Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

I ask you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: littleredrustie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Agnetha Kelleher](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programmes. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's already producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

Phasing out the federal fossil fuel programmes will benefit public health, especially that of low income communities and communities of colour who already experience disproportionate pollution and climate impacts. Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

As a civilised Western nation, I feel sure that you will see the sense in this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: beegle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Margaret Beegle](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 12:03:05 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I deeply appreciate your history of climate leadership. Thank you very much for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of federal fossil fuel programs. I am certain you will undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact an immediate decline in production. The science is crystal clear: there's no room for fossil fuel production if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's current oil and gas fields — and without factoring in coal — will push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas, or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. (and world) climate goals.

We must end federal fossil fuel programs in order to benefit public health, especially that of low-income communities and communities of color which already experience disproportionate toxic pollution and climate instability. Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

Please work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes, and state governments to ensure a speedy phase-out of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Climate inaction is not an option. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your dedication.

Sincerely,
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From: gomper2g@gmail.com
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOI Oil and Gas Forum -- Alaska Offshore comments
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 12:02:45 PM

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Congratulations on a very enlightening forum on the oil and gas programs within DOI. I was with MMS and successor/predecessor agencies for about 30 years, initially to develop the OCS air quality program, and followed by leading the HQ Environmental Division and the Alaska Region.

I was especially thankful that you received excellent insights from the Indigenous and Equity participants, as well as the response from Mr. McGarvey on the views of today's workers in an often-contentious country.

A major challenge we had through the years, and I would expect still holds true today, was that most employees in MMS/BOEM/BSEE (and BLM) came from technical/scientific backgrounds who were not trained in working and consulting with others such as described by the Indigenous and Equity panels. I know this was true for me and most of my staffs. We had to learn "working with communities" from on-the-job training, which came with mistakes. I was blessed to have hired an excellent community liaison (a Nez Perce who had lived in Anchorage) who helped us with meetings and contacts with the communities and tribes. A major challenge was the often-skeptical support from D.C. bosses, who were not always sympathetic to what we brought back from regional consultations or the time they took. The Social Sciences needed more emphasis then and now as you heard from the participants.

If you plan to keep the offshore open in Alaska, ensure all managers and staff (Regions and HQ) are believers in consultations and the time they take. Consultations will add time that may not fit with timelines in the rules (CFR's.) Be clear with the protocols you will follow, hopefully developed with the communities, and that they also understand them. (As you heard from Nicole Borromeo, AFN, Alaska has numerous tribes and various types of tribal entities. Consulting with every group in an affected area is quite difficult; and views of the tribal groups vary regarding offshore and even onshore oil and gas.) Also, support your managers and staff in their consultations when they come up with joint proposals with/from the communities.

Personally, I do not see a future for Alaska offshore oil and gas, except perhaps for leases that adjoin State waters: too expensive, technically challenging especially given the changing climate conditions in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas and coastlines. Offshore federal renewable energy is unlikely given the vast state waters and land that could be used (if the State had the money) for wind, geothermal, even summer solar. My original degrees were in the atmospheric sciences, and from the science global warming is real, as we definitely experienced in Alaska. I applaud the Administration weaning the country off fossil fuels, but in a careful way.

Although often difficult, I loved the breadth of the issues and staff we had in the Offshore Program – engineers, geologists, biologists, physical scientists, social scientists, and more. Plus in Alaska, we had the advantage of the RD's of the DOI and other agencies getting together to brief each other on issues (and staffs working together) – MMS, FWS, BLM, NPS, BIA, USGS. Plus other groups (ex. AOOOS, the North Slope Science Initiative) – NOAA, NMFS, US Coast Guard, state agencies, and more. And invitations by North Slope tribes and groups, such as the AEWG. Please encourage these wherever they are practical, and with community representatives.

You are on the right track; the hard job starts now with momentum and follow through. Thank you

for making this forum accessible to all.

As a p.s., after living in and enjoying Alaska for 23 years, we recently moved to help family in Colorado. Good to hear about the BLM issues that I may see in Colorado and nearby states.

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From: arlene20201@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Arlene Abbott](#)
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

FYI:

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^[1]_[SEP]BLM Moves to Fire Migratory Bird Whistleblower ^[1]_[SEP]Reports on Raptors Dying in Big Wyoming Oil and Gas Project Spiked

Washington, DC — A U.S. Bureau of Land Management environmental analyst is facing termination for persisting in raising concerns about the potential for devastating impacts on raptors and other wildlife from a massive Wyoming oil and gas project, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER). The case will be a litmus test for BLM's new leadership. ^[1]_[SEP]

The case revolves around a controversial BLM decision to approve a plan for 5,000 oil and gas wells, 500 miles of gas pipelines, 900 miles of water pipelines, new roads, and electrical lines in Converse County, Wyoming. BLM analysts had raised concerns the project will seriously degrade nesting sites of ferruginous hawks, kestrels, owls, and other raptors yet the agency removed key restrictions on drilling and other work during bird breeding and nesting periods.

Walter Loewen, an environmental analyst, repeatedly stressed to the BLM's leadership the high potential mortality from the Converse County oil and gas project, in particular to the ferruginous hawk. After those disclosures, Mr. Loewen was removed from all further environmental work on that or any other projects and sidelined into "make work" tasks. The Wyoming State Office has now proposed removing him from federal service for alleged performance issues on his new tasks despite his many years of prior strong performance ratings. ^[1]_[SEP] ^[1]_[SEP] "Inside Trump's BLM, speaking truth to power was not tolerated," stated PEER Senior Counsel Peter Jenkins, who is leading Loewen's defense team, noting that Loewen had worked at several federal agencies before joining BLM six years ago. "The real reason Walter Loewen was targeted for removal is because he actually tried to do his job." ^[1]_[SEP] ^[1]_[SEP] Earlier this month, the Biden administration scrapped a Trump initiative to allow unintended killing of migratory birds by industry operations. Prior to that reversal, BLM waived some of the strongest protections for raptors in the Converse County oil project. The final Environmental Impact Statement, from which Mr. Loewen was removed, endorsed the elimination of limits on construction and drilling activity during periods when birds mate or fledge their chicks. BLM estimates that there are approximately 1,500 non-eagle raptor nests in the project area.

^[1]_[SEP] Another wrinkle in Mr. Loewen's situation is that the official deciding his fate is Duane Spencer, the Associate BLM State Director, who signed off on the agency decisions allowing the excess bird deaths. PEER has formally asked that Spencer recuse himself from the matter because of his prior history, but he and the agency have rebuffed that request.

"Mr. Loewen will be judged by the very official whose harmful actions he questioned," added Jenkins, pointing to a new PEER survey of BLM staff who reported, among other things, how environmental reviews had been gutted under orders to speed up approvals. "This case illustrates that the task of conducting environmental reviews in the final days of the Trump administration certainly qualified as a high-risk occupation."

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must

demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [David Moran](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] crisis
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 11:57:13 AM

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What is the crisis?

From: judysspace@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Judy Avery Avery](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 11:47:13 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

I live in a forested area in the NE corner of Washington, where we have experienced huge damaging fires the last ten years. This is all a part of global warming and it is devastating to the land and the people and wildlife living on it.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: morganirons@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Morgan Irons](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No Gas/Oil Leasing on Public Lands
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 11:47:08 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

We absolutely MUST put reversing climate change at the top of America's agenda. If we destroy the environment no other issue will matter. Your ongoing climate leadership is much appreciated, and the long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs, including a full and rigorous environmental impact, is a step in the right direction. We must end all fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production if we want a livable planet for our children and the generations beyond.

Thank you for your consideration and your good work.

Sincerely,
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From: eecornetta@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Eric Cornetta](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership.

I urge you to do full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production.

If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Some benefits: public health, climate pollution, destruction public land and ocean habitat, and reduce the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: kim.sonderegger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kimberley Sonderegger](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Secretary of the Interior; for me and for many others it is a great relief and promise of help in protecting our national lands and moving seriously to address the deteriorating climate and our role in it.

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

I know that you will work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production.

Once again I congratulate you, Secretary Haaland, and look to you for wise and just leadership on climate!

Thank you for your consideration of my message.

Sincerely,
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From: klmasters420@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kerry Masters](#)
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Congratulations on your appointment. Please use your position to phase out the federal fossil fuel programs and ensure a just and equitable transition for communities affected by federal fossil fuel development.

And please prohibit new leasing for fossil fuel on public lands and waters.

Sincerely,
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From: lblanton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Blanton](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 10:51:24 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I urge you to undertake a full environmental impact study on fossil fuel leasing. Surely it will show what scientists have said: there can be no further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from currently-producing oil and gas fields, if fully developed and without factoring in coal, would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production. Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: john_curly@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [dan_sabatinelli](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] solar, wind, nuclear
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: palacebravo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Judith Havrilla](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] It's Time to End Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 10:26:54 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I support ending fossil fuel leasing on federal lands. I much prefer keeping federal lands wild and I support clean energy

Please move us in this direction.

Sincerely,
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From: mike@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michael Colyar](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 10:26:15 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thanks for your leadership. Please do a full environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production.

Thanks,

Sincerely,
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From: beckyinthemountains@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Becky Rose](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Like millions of Americans (and people around the world) I am THRILLED that you are leading at Interior. (What a funny name, when you think about it.)

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Sincerely,
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From: the.magees1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [C.Sharyn Magee](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises. Many of the affected species are unsustainably declining.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

New energy infrastructure, especially new pipelines, should not be built. If natural gas is a transition fuel, natural gas infrastructure should not be expanded.

Please fully consider the environmental economic costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: d_epperson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Daniel Epperson](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Expand Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 10:17:34 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed INCREASE of production.

IT MAY BE COUNTERINTUITIVE, but CALIFORNIA IS ALREADY SEEING THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF BAD POLICY.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means many poorer people will own very expensive land in their lifetime, enacting one of the greatest transfers of wealth of all time and increasing the number of farmable acres worldwide.

Phasing out the federal fossil fuel programs will HARM public health, especially that of low-income communities and communities of color who already experience disproportionate INCREASING THE COSTS OF LIVING TO UNBEARABLE AMOUNTS. C

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly INCREASE of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

COSTS OF LIVING, transportation and basic necessities IS ALREADY HARMING THE MOST VULNERABLE. Homelessness and poverty, cost of food production are seeing the most dramatic in just a few months.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: hilltower12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Barry Bennett](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet. GHGs from the world's oil and gas fields will push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius. Any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with a habitable planet. If course, the less developed, poorer nations of the world will be hit hardest.

We need an immediate but orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production now. Climate inaction will create hardship & suffering for our great-grandchildren & their decedents for centuries to come. The United States must lead because the US is the biggest historical contributor to GHGs since 1850.

Sincerely,
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From: sfurlong5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sharon and Park Furlong](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. We urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

We know that we do not have to tell you this but we felt it was important for you to get letters of this kind in order to back any moves you are going to make with the idea that there is a strong constituent support for those moves.

We would like there to be a rapid transition, but we understand that is not possible. Therefore, phasing out the federal fossil fuel programs will send a clear message as well as make an impact on the industry.

We urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters. We are sure you will do exactly that.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: orrxylla@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nancy Orr](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Congratulations on your appointment! We are lucky to have such a well-informed person stepping into this very important role, and you will no doubt bring about some much-needed changes.

One of those changes is to end the leasing of federal lands and waters for fossil fuel development. Removing the “easy” approaches will help to spur energy companies towards more sustainable, non-polluting alternatives. The inertia of doing things the way we’ve always done them needs to be broken through, so that new alternatives can become commonplace.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: sherrykessel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sherry Kessel](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

It is time to get rid of fossil fuel development on public lands. Please do what you can to stop these programs, as they are detrimental to the planet. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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From: slsc7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ceil Slauson](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Suspend Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 9:16:58 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs.

My friends, family, and I urge you to undertake a rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet for the future.

Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

Please work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: camillemsmith@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Camille Smith](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

When you think of it, we live in a finite gas bag, and have poisoned it to a point that it cannot recover without our vigilance (yes, and sacrifice) and help. There is a price tag, but our future depends on doing this roughly.

Fossil fuels need to be a thing of the past. Now. Not 20 years from now. I'm
Weary of profit over decency and good decision making.

Be a real leader and make hard decisions. We entire world waits for our example. The debauchery of the Trump administration erased our good reputation, our world standing and did massive destruction.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Do the right thing. Not the profitable thing.

Thanks,

Sincerely,
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From: 3fleurdelis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Sorensen](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please, It is Vital to End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 9:04:46 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I deeply appreciate that you are reviewing the federal fossil fuel programs. Declining, and eventually ending, fossil fuel production is necessary for the health and survival of our society and ecology. There is much to be optimistic about if we will act now for a bright, innovative, and compassionate future for us all. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: anna@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Anna Hanchett](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 8:50:12 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

This phaseout will:

---benefit public health

---curtail the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species

--- prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your climate leadership. Please institute policies on public lands and waters which would be compatible with U.S. climate goals.

Sincerely,
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From: jwoodall247@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Janet Woodall](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation of your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programmes.

Secondly, I strongly urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. I am confident, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want an habitable world.

It's been shown countless times that pollution from existing, productive oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well beyond 1.5 degrees Celsius. That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

By phasing out the federal fossil fuel programmes, public health will benefit, especially that of low-income communities and communities of color who already experience disproportionate pollution and climate impacts. Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

It is essential that you work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please fully consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction. The United States has an extremely important opportunity to demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: mfrazier74@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Maggie Frazier](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

This is one of Pres. Biden's most important issues! The past devastation done by fossil fuel will take years to repair if ever. Stopping more of it is vital. Please do what you can to phase this out.

Thank you

Sincerely,
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From: teri.bridge@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Teri Bridge](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Fossil Fuel Development/Leasing on U.S. Public Lands and Waters
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 8:16:23 AM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: JLSBARTON@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jackie Barton](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

. I urge you to undertake a full environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production.

Pollution from the world's already-producing oil and gas fields — if fully developed and without factoring in coal — would push warming well past 1.5 degrees Celsius.

That means any new oil, gas or coal leasing on public lands and waters is incompatible with U.S. climate goals.

Cutting climate pollution and stopping the destruction of public land and ocean habitat for endangered species will prevent the worst of the climate and extinction crises.

I urge you to work with other federal agencies, Congress, tribes and state governments to ensure an orderly phaseout of federal fossil fuel production — one that ensures a just and equitable transition for communities both economically dependent on, and affected by, federal fossil fuel development.

Please consider the social, economic and environmental costs of climate inaction.

U.S. must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: William.Leavenworth@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [William Leavenworth](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Run out of fossil fuels, wait a hundred million years for the next batch. Run out of photons, wait until sunup tomorrow. We have batteries that will last overnight. Our research and money need to be invested in renewable energy sources. Let there be solar arrays in Interstate dividers and on abandoned south-facing former pastures and hayfields.

Sincerely,
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From: GeneWhit@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gene Whitaker](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

Thank you for your climate leadership and for undertaking a long-overdue climate review of the federal fossil fuel programs. I urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production.

The United States must demonstrate strong global leadership by ending new leasing on public lands and waters.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Gene Whitaker
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From: [hector ortega](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CO2 and Heavy Metals pollutants control
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 9:00:27 PM

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Sirs

I have the knowledge, the *projects and the will for helping to reduce environmental pollution (CO2 and heavy metals) in the next 10 years.*

If you think it is possible and want to find out please wright or call me, I am ready to help.

Mr Eng.PhD Hector Ciavaldini

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From: [Zacharia Hollister](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Oil and Gas Leasing and Off-shore drilling
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 5:12:25 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my sincere concern and adamant opposition to any continuation of the federal oil and gas leasing and off-shore drilling, which has been paused under the Biden Administration.

As a citizen of the United States of America, it pains me that I am writing this letter. The adverse impacts of fossil fuel usage have been known for decades, and actively suppressed by oil and gas corporations. We have an opportunity as a nation to lean in and be leaders in the transition to sustainable energy. By continuing off-shore drilling and federal support of oil and gas leasing, we not only take step backwards in this transition. We are setting an example for the world.

Climate change is an existential threat to our environment, our nation, and our way of life. Please make the right decision on this matter, as our future generations depend on it.

Respectfully,

Zacharia Hollister
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From: [Jeremy P.](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] North Bloomfield Mining and Gravel precedent
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 4:42:41 PM

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Hello,

One of the wisest, and actually the earliest, court decisions to protect the environment, took place in 19th century California. The North Bloomfield Mining and Gravel company was spewing mass and toxins all the way to San Francisco bay. There was no law to prevent the destruction wrought.

The judge found, however, that though he could not constrain the company from poisoning the lands and waters around the site, he could require them to contain all tailings, and discharges, to its own property.

When Shell Oil says that it will convert natural gas to plastic, when virgin plastic supplies are overabundant and disastrous, is an equivalent to North Bloomfield. IMHO

Please use this lens of protection of our lands and water. And review the early wisdom of Judge Lorenzo Sawyer in 1884.

Jeremy P

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From: [Scott Eustis](#)
To: [Energy Review](#); david.yoskowitz@tamucc.edu; mark.squillace@colorado.edu
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question on Abandoned Wetlands Re: Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 4:39:58 PM

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Regarding: Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum
Re: abandoned wells

Is the Department aware of the large extent of abandoned wetlands related to the wells, particularly in Louisiana. There are over 70 square miles of wetland, mostly marsh lands, that remain open to service wells that are overwhelmingly no longer in use.

Department of Interior has been a leader in implementing this restoration on NPS parklands in Louisiana. Recently, the RESTORE Council has forwarded some canal filling proposals, along with NFWF and the NEP program.

The NFWF and NEP have prioritized restoration of oil canals where that restoration would maintain integrity of tribal and sacred lands in Louisiana.

Could the department consider a similar penny tax, as proposed, to backfill unused canals in the nation's coastal zone?

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From: [Scott Eustis](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Cc: [Dustin Renaud](#); [Cynthia Sarthou](#); [Michael Esealuka](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question on laid off oil worker outreach Re: Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 3:15:40 PM

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Regarding:: Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum

Over 100,000 oil workers were laid off during the last administration. These oil workers often have unique perspectives on the lands where they worked, and the liabilities and vulnerabilities of equipment in the field.

This information can be critical to mitigating industry climate and other pollution impact, and workers are now free to discuss these issues.

Does the Department intend on reaching out to oil workers laid off during the last administration?

For example, former Taylor Energy workers have been critical to the clean up of the 16-year long Taylor Energy leak in Mississippi Canyon 20, although they now work for a separate company. The new company is now being sued by Taylor Energy to prevent the clean up of the 16 - year oil leak, but the workers' knowledge of how to fix the oil leak has proven too effective for Taylor to prevail in court to date.

Thank you

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From: [Elizabeth Barber](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comment on webinar
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:26:16 PM

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Hello,

Thank you for your webinar. I strongly agree with the comment that it would be extremely unwise and likely a fatal error to end fossil fuels in remote areas without having a replacement that works in place. All rural inhabitants will be and have been devastated by such practices. My ancestors have been respecting the land and living peacefully with their neighbors in this country since at least 1654. Renewable energy is currently not a feasible alternative for farmers and pumping oil and natural gas is usually safe but must always have the proper safeguards. Everyone's ancestry and contributions need to be respected.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Barber, PhD

From: [Ed B.](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Terrible government representation today for what appears is a slanted and racist view on we the people
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:20:33 PM

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Why do you turn us the people of the country off to the zoom, such as chat. You have a panel of indigenous peoples but you don't have we the people on the panel. Where are my rights and why do you get to be so racist towards me let alone the violations of the treaties these indigenous are egregious of today in not remaining friendly to we the people. I expect the Secretary to answer this or we the people are going to have a very difficult time excepting anything that comes out of that office...to include the embarrassment of the Secretary's greeting in an office I have been in before that is now stripped of the historical relevance of that office space; empty walls. I have a screen shot so don't try to hide the truth because it will set YOU free.

From: [Bill Heckman](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 10:43:11 AM

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Why shut down a vital supply of energy without a viable alternative in place and ready to take over our energy needs? The JOB losses are too many to be absorbed by other forms of employment. With alternative means of transportation years in the future, why is it that gas is being shut down, especially in the South, Midwest and west where mass transit is not a practical option. Has there been any studies done as to all the other products that are produced by Oil's bi-products. Also, where is the replacement money coming from for the coastal environmental impact operations, now being funded by the oil industries? I could go on and on but I'll stop here. If these questions are answered, I will be happy to add more.

All that is necessary at this point is to restart the Keystone pipeline, open the Gulf Drilling leases. So we can be independent of foreign oil imports.

From: [Mattie Katz](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fracking
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 10:30:49 AM

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How much fracking is involved? I am very much opposed to excess use of public land for private profit.
Mattie Katz

From: [Travis London](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum Question from Travis London
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 9:29:40 AM

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On Thursday, March 25, 2021, 08:04:30 AM CDT, Travis London <travislondonsr@yahoo.com> wrote:

Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum Question from Travis London

1. Will the United States stop the Mountaineer NGL Project threatening the Ohio River communities and the Formosa Plastics Project threatening the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico communities as a way to fight Climate Change this year?

From: [Travis London](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fossil Fuels Program Review Virtual Forum Question from Travis London
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 9:07:45 AM

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From: [Edward Heisel](#)
To: [Energy Review](#); [Edward Heisel](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Energy Review
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:10:19 PM

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I am writing to offer my strong support a phase-out of oil, gas, and coal leasing on federal lands. I offer this perspective for two reasons: 1) we must move away from fossil fuels and the CO2 and other greenhouse gases they release to the atmosphere; and 2) federal lands offer the best opportunity to preserve 30% of the nation's ecosystems by 2030. These actions are essential to the survival of our planet and thus ourselves.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Mike Murray](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Cc: [Amy Gilbert](#); [Emily Thompson](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question for BLM for the Virtual Forum
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 5:34:36 PM

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Background: In January 2018, BLM issued a new internal Instruction Memorandum (IM) 2018-034 that significantly altered the agency's existing oil and gas lease parcel review procedures that had been established under IM 2010-117. For example, the new guidelines imposed a 6-month deadline on BLM state and field offices for completing lease parcel reviews and related NEPA reviews. Other significant changes included:

- Prevented state offices from rotating quarterly lease sales by field offices (i.e., all lease sales in a quarter would be in the same field district, rather than every lease sale being state-wide), which had allowed each field office more time to do a more thorough parcel review and analysis of potential environmental impacts for its upcoming lease sales;
- Issuing offices could no longer “defer” on leasing parcels in locations that have an out-of-date or otherwise inadequate (in terms of resource information) resource management plan/EIS (RMP) for the lease sale area. Instead, state and field were to assume the existing RMP remains in effect and guides leasing decisions regardless of how dated it may be. Previously, BLM offices could defer on leasing parcels in locations where the RMP was out-of-date and otherwise inadequate in terms of resource information.
- Public comment opportunities were reduced from 30 days required to “may be allowed” (typically, anywhere from as little as 0 days to as many as 15 days of public comment has been allowed since the new policy went into effect);
- The protest period for lease sale notices was reduced from 30 day to 10 days;
- Eliminated the use of master leasing plans (MLPs) in locations where leasing could cause multiple-use or natural/cultural resource conflicts, such as impacts to resources or values of any unit of the National Park System, national wildlife refuge, or National Forest wilderness area.
- The net effect of these changes has been that BLM state and field offices have less time to conduct parcel reviews and NEPA processes, while offering more leases over a broader (state-wide) area every quarter.
- To meet the deadline, state and field office staff have necessarily had to reduce the time allotted for various steps of the parcel review process (such as significantly shortening public comment opportunities and protest periods); which has resulted in less thorough and more flawed reviews and significantly

less public involvement.

- My understanding has been that public resources on public lands belong to the public. While IM 2018-034's "streamlining" the parcel review process has served the oil and gas industry well; it has nearly cut the public out of the process.

Question: Would BLM please revoke IM 2018-034 as soon as possible and replace it with a lease parcel review review process that places the public interest above the industry's interest?

Thank you,

Mike Murray

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From: [Br](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Renewable energy sources
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:07:44 PM

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Why are we not accelerating the growth of renewable energy and weaning ourselves from outdated polluting fossil fuels?

From: [BackBouncer](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Forum on Federal Oil and Gas Program
Date: Sunday, March 21, 2021 10:12:36 AM

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As a citizen I wanted to inject that going green is necessary goal, as I think we all know, but let's not forget companies who are forging ahead through the use of natural gas called Redeem which is generated from dairy cow waste. It produces a negative carbon footprint while electric vehicles still produce a positive carbon footprint.

From: [Kevin C. Smith](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Oil and Gas Leasing on Federal Offshore Lands
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 4:49:15 PM

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Please continue to support O&G leasing on Federal Lands especially offshore. We provide money to support the US along with a safe and efficient fuel that does not rely on foreigners.

Kevin Smith

From: [renee hardy](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] time to transition to cleaner cheaper renewables
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 4:16:25 PM

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cooperatives work well for energy distribution & renewable generation
especially for rural locales
governed by the users

thank you
r hardy
taos nm

From: [Richard Steiner](#)
To: [Energy Review](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Interior Department Announces Details for Public Forum on Federal Oil and Gas Program
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 2:49:00 PM

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Dear DOI,

I see the notification below of your Public Forum on 14008, and I just want to encourage you to simply **make good on the President's campaign promise to end any/all new fossil fuel development on federal lands and waters.....period.** I think we already know how the public comment to your forum will run, we've heard it for decades. But the science is clear, there is absolutely no reasonable option at this point in our climate chaos other than to permanently end permitting for any/all new fossil fuel development on all federal lands and waters.

Regards,
Rick Steiner, Professor (University of Alaska, ret.)
Anchorage, Alaska

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Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021
Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

Interior Department Announces Details for Public Forum on Federal Oil and Gas Program

WASHINGTON – The Interior Department today released additional information about the upcoming virtual forum regarding the federal oil and gas program, including the public’s viewing options and ability to submit written input to inform Interior’s review.

The public forum is part of Interior’s comprehensive review of the federal oil and gas program as called for in Executive Order 14008 and will feature several panels to highlight perspectives from invited participants including industry representatives, labor and environmental justice organizations, natural resource advocates, Indigenous organizations, and other experts.

DATE: Thursday, March 25, 2021

TIME: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET

REGISTRATION: The forum will take place via Zoom Webinar. Anyone interested in viewing the forum may [register via Zoom](#). A livestream of the event will also be available at doi.gov/events. The forum will be recorded and have live captions.

The information gathered at the forum will help inform an interim report from the Department that will be completed in early summer. The report will include initial findings on the state of the federal conventional energy programs, as well as outline next steps and recommendations for the Department and Congress to improve stewardship of public lands and waters, create jobs, and build a just and equitable energy future.

Members of the public can submit additional information through April 15 to inform Interior's interim report at energyreview@ios.doi.gov.

The agenda for the forum is below:

1:00 pm: Welcome and introductory remarks by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and Interior leadership.

1:15 pm: Presentations by the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on offshore and onshore oil and gas programs.

1:50 pm: Presentations and Q&A by invited individuals representing environmental justice and frontline communities, academia, oil and gas industry trade associations, Indigenous organizations, conservation organizations, and labor groups. A list of participants will be updated on Interior's website as available.

4:30 pm: Adjourn

In addition to the forum, the Interior Department is conducting extensive outreach to Members of Congress, Governors, Tribes, and other state and local elected leaders.

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From: b2fhds@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Barry Fass-Holmes](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Federal Fossil Fuel Leasing
Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021 7:25:10 PM

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Dear Secretary Deb Haaland,

I strongly urge you to undertake a full and rigorous environmental impact study to end new fossil fuel leasing and enact a managed decline of production. If done correctly, it will show what scientists have said: There's no room for further fossil fuel development if we want a livable planet.

Sincerely,
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