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**From:** [Diana M. Hawkins](#)  
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We have the forest because our forefathers preserved it for us. Now it is our turn to do the same for those still to come.

It is the action of a selfish, greedy mind to allow the manipulative people to do such a thing as hydraulic fracturing in areas that are for public use. These manipulative people will not allow blame for their actions to be put back on them. They will take the money and run.

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