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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Considering the rampant assault on the environment this hydro-fracking technique has proven itself to be, along with other assaults like the mountaintop removal mining in West Virginia, there has to be a limit to how much destruction we allow on this precious planet we live on and pass down to our descendents. If we don't stop here, will we ever stop the assaults? Will there ever be a limit, a don't-cross line that sticks?

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It would ruin a special place that we as humans need more than ever to replenish our spirits.
Not to mention endanger our health and potentially our drinkable water.
Do we want our country to make the same mistakes as China and Russia with little regard to the negative affects of man's acts on the environment?
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I live in Northern VA but am a recreational visitor to the GW National Forest, and a full-time appreciator of the unspoiled natural beauty of western Virginia and West Virginia. It would be terrible in my view to allow commercial drilling of this sort in the Forest. There is already too much encroachment on the last vast area of this kind in the Eastern U.S. Not to mention the threat to drinking water resources for the Shenandoah Valley.

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It is important to remember the environmental justice issue here. Many who depend on the water in this area to be potable and fishable and swimmable, are the least able to defend the protection of their environment. Please do not allow gas interests to have their way just because they are more powerful than those who live and recreate in this area.

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Roanoke, VA 240193050

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Sincerely

Fred Hazelwood
Hanover, VA 23069-0000

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Bettie Clark
Mc Lean, VA 22102-1303

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Mary Woodruff
Middleburg, VA 20118-0463

From:	Environment Virginia
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Marilyn Ruland
Gainesville, VA 20155-4870
unlisted

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Springfield, VA 22153-1612

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Sheila Reilly

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Elizabeth Kepp

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Harold Hofstad

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I'm concerned that all of the potential negative ramifications of this "technology" are unknown and do not want the risks associated with "fracking" to affect the Shenandoah Valley and the national forest lands throughout the Valley. I'm seriously considering retiring to a small tract of land near the GW National Forest and don't want to take the chance that potential harm will be done to the aquifer that will be the source of my drinking water.

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Garth Payne

From:	Environment Virginia on behalf of Allison Kiehl
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Johanna Vanness

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Sally Beth Berger

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Bonita C. Griser

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To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Monday, October 17, 2011 7:36:45 PM

Oct 17, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 240193050

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I don't care what you have to do, just STOP FRACKING!!!

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Sincerely

Andrew Haskell

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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Al DeFazio

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Deborah Franco

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Elizabeth Pirsch

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Long-term, sensible thinking says we should slow down and carefully consider the consequences. Furthermore, natural gas cannot sustain society, and must be drilled for, within a larger plan for energy self-sufficiency and renewability.

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Kurosh Ruch-Kamgar

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Jane Stack

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Annik Adamson

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omar capers

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Suzanne Tarr

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Too many different business interests are chipping away at the quality of our environment - water, food, air, forests, and wildlife. Please prevent this trauma to our land.

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Lois Trumbull

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Doreen Gullo

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Please do not drill in the George Washington National forest. We do not need to destroy more mother nature than necessary and pollute the drinking water of the surrounding residents, not to mention the rivers from which we catch fish from.

Thank you,
Steve

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Sincerely

Jean Erving

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Monday, October 17, 2011 1:52:08 PM

Oct 17, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
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Roanoke, VA 240193050

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Colleen Hobson

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Chelsea Farrell

From:	Environment Virginia
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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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NINA BAKER

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Eric S. Wiener

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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Patty Bachner

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Neal Furgurson

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Tim Bertschinger

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David Foxworth

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There is so many stories recently of the detrimental effects of fracking that we must ensure that any method of accessing energy for our needs is the least harmful possible. It saddens me tremendously that 'we' ignore our health, which includes the health of our environment, to try to meet insatiable energy demands. Please do not approve this destructive method of extracting energy.

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Judith Minter

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Eve Martinko

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Karl Carter

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Sarah Meservey

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why proceed with projects that have not been completely vetted for their safety---We have enough to clean-up. thank you.

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Linda Chernisky

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Actually, I am horrified that this issue has gotten this far when first hand accounts of citizens who have ALREADY been impacted indicate severe short comings on data collection and analaysis.

You only have once chance to protect. The environment can not be made whole again. I urge you to stop the forward momentum of fracking at this critical point.

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Angela Lewis

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John and Shirley DeSimone

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Jonathan Metcalf

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Zachary Kronmal

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It is clear and obvious to the public that this decision serves only the interests of the fuel industry and will do permanent damage to the water table of the valley.

Do you have friends or relatives in the valley? Where will they get their water?

There will be an epidemic of Cancer.

Think about it.

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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Monday, October 17, 2011 11:06:20 AM

Oct 17, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

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This is a terrible idea and needs to be stopped now. Isn't mountain top removal enough of an onslaught on our environment with contamination of water, etc. Fracking should not be allowed in a National Forest, period.

I also encourage the Forest Service to heighten scrutiny of vertical gas drilling, which would be allowed on nearly one million acres of the forest under the preferred alternative management plan. The Forest Service should conduct a more thorough study of the impacts of vertical gas drilling (which also can use hydrofracking) before making a decision and, at a minimum, consider making local drinking water supply watersheds, other priority watersheds, and sensitive natural, scenic and recreation areas unavailable for drilling.

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Sincerely

June Henderson

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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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I know that national forests are "land of many uses," but it isn't right that one of those uses should preclude all others--and it is certainly not right that one of those uses should harm the environment and endanger our health.

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Just yesterday I met a friend of my neighbor in rural Greenbrier Co, WV. He lives near new gas wells in SE WV and has witnessed ruined water wells and destruction of once beautiful forests.

I emplore you, don't allow this drilling. Don't foresake rural poor people.

Russ Cronquist

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This is the stability of our future habitat. These one by one decison on your part to allow this to action is a violation of the judgement and stewartship you are exercising. I really wish that you had to live with this in your own backyard. Then you would think differently. But since it is not a reality for you, then why do you really care. And yes, the gas resource is there and it is needed but you are making it easy for the industry to use the easy and cheapest (for them and their bottomline) to take the resource. And they move on living us to live with what you will allow.

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C.G. Turner

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Catherine Jenkins

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Charleen Moore

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Green energy is being developed that will make fracking unnecessary. The damage of fracing cannot be undone.

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NORA SMITH

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As an alum of James Madison University and someone who has enjoyed both the beauty of the Shenandoah Valley as well as the GW National Forest, I am particularly upset that this drilling operation is even under consideration.

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Scott Granieri

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Ben Farrell

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JEREMY HOWARD

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I am very concerned about the safety of drinking water after the fracking process since I saw an expose' on 60 MInutes about contaminated water caused by fracking. Please either deny or at least delay fracking in the GW National Forest until the safety of residents' drinking water (and their health) can be assured.

Thank you for your consideration.

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There is plenty of evidence that points to water pollution being caused by fracking in other areas of the US. Until these matters are scientifically resolved it is prudent to preserve both drinking water for human consumption and the water required to support out wildlife.

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Bryan Brittain

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Virginia depends on a natural and clean enviornment to support its thriving holistic small farming industry, and tourism, which is a major source of revenue for the state (up 6.9 percent during the recession, raising 16.9 billion). As advertised by the State and the tourist industry, Virginia's moutains are a key tourist attraction. People go to the mountains to experience a beautiful, healthy, natural environment.

Once the state begins resorting to destructive industry practices, such as fracking, the envioronmental landscape will be tarnished forever, and the legal landscape will be laid for permissive environmental degredation in the name of big business.

Please do the right thing and uphold the ban.

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Angela Miele

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Katherine Geiser-Bush

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Please do not destroy any other undisturbed natural area to irrepairable damage.

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Sincerely

Vickie Beaty

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To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 17, 2011

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Fracking is an uproven technology. Companies refuse to provide complete details about their techniques, and the ingredients they are injecting into the ground. Why? They claim this is proprietary information.

Are you going to buy that?

Is the US Forest Service substantial enough to stand for the careful stewardship of our land - or falling prey to the short term business and monetary forces?

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This is too important a resource to the state of Virginia to allow it to be degraded for short term profit.

Many of a right wing political persuasion today constantly talk about saddling future generations with debt. I hope we don't saddle them with a polluted, degraded environment.

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I do not support the use of fracking
I do support the ban on natural gas in the George Washington National Forest
I will actively work against any candidate who does not support this ban
Nancy N Burns

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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Given the state of the science and what is coming out in the news about contaminated drinking water in other states where fracking is going on, it is irresponsible to open up the GW National Forest to this type of development.

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Antonio Lauron

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Mary Wilson

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Thursday, October 13, 2011 7:09:11 PM

Oct 13, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

Please do NOT allow for natural gas drilling in our precious George Washington National forest. Cannot we leave just a little of our land unscathed by human hands. If we let the Oil and Gas barons have their way, the entire country would be under assault. Please!

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Greg Morris

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Sincerely

Susan Davis

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Thursday, October 13, 2011 4:26:26 PM

Oct 13, 2011

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Sincerely

Steven Iverson

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Thursday, October 13, 2011 4:24:19 PM

Oct 13, 2011

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I am an avid hiker and can't imagine the damage this fracking will do to the environment.

I also encourage the Forest Service to heighten scrutiny of vertical gas drilling, which would be allowed on nearly one million acres of the forest under the preferred alternative management plan. The Forest Service should conduct a more thorough study of the impacts of vertical gas drilling (which also can use hydrofracking) before making a decision and, at a minimum, consider making local drinking water supply watersheds, other priority watersheds, and sensitive natural, scenic and recreation areas unavailable for drilling.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

John Lyon

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Sincerely

Henry Ickes

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Thursday, October 13, 2011 2:31:58 PM

Oct 13, 2011

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Sincerely

Brad Johnson

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Thursday, October 13, 2011 8:45:31 AM

Oct 13, 2011

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This beautiful area should remain that way, without gas drilling or other polluting activities.

I also encourage the Forest Service to heighten scrutiny of vertical gas drilling, which would be allowed on nearly one million acres of the forest under the preferred alternative management plan. The Forest Service should conduct a more thorough study of the impacts of vertical gas drilling (which also can use hydrofracking) before making a decision and, at a minimum, consider making local drinking water supply watersheds, other priority watersheds, and sensitive natural, scenic and recreation areas unavailable for drilling.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Pamela Johnson

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Wednesday, October 12, 2011 11:15:39 PM

Oct 12, 2011

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

M. Gregory Carbone

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Wednesday, October 12, 2011 9:35:48 PM

Oct 12, 2011

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Living in Northern Virginia, I'm keenly aware of how scarce "wild" places really are and how difficult it is to keep them that way. We and our children and theirs are counting on you to defend your draft management plan that so much effort has been expended on.

The mountains of western Virginia are our major wilderness, and it is our strong desire to keep the George Washington National Forest free from all industrial activity that can be so devastating.

I also encourage the Forest Service to heighten scrutiny of vertical gas drilling, which would be allowed on nearly one million acres of the forest under the preferred alternative management plan. The Forest Service should conduct a more thorough study of the impacts of vertical gas drilling (which also can use hydrofracking) before making a decision and, at a minimum, consider making local drinking water supply watersheds, other priority watersheds, and sensitive natural, scenic and recreation areas unavailable for drilling.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

John Dodge

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Wednesday, October 12, 2011 8:57:15 PM

Oct 12, 2011

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Sincerely

Sara Yannuzzi

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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Sincerely

Frida Simms

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Wednesday, October 12, 2011 7:17:23 PM

Oct 12, 2011

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This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest almost a million visitors each year.

Please don't let them frack until corporate interests identify what they are pumping into our environment. Don't believe the fluff.

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Fritz Saunders

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Wednesday, October 12, 2011 5:35:44 PM

Oct 12, 2011

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Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

Please understand that the bad would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest which supports nearly a million visitors each year.

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Sincerely

Pamela Donehower

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Oct 12, 2011

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Sincerely

Sandra Shinn

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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 12, 2011

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Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

Fracking almost certainly be used if vertical gas drilling were allowed. This would create a disaster worse than logging which can begin to recover after years of scrub growth, and worse than ocean oil spils which in the short term appear to be containable and more or less cleanable. But fracking would POLLUTE underground water systems which cannot be corrected and would directly affect the natural habitats even beyond the boundaries of the permitted vertical drilling areas.
The Forest Service should use outside consultants NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE GAS INDUSTRY to study the impacts of vertical gas drilling (which also can use hydrofracking) on the local drinking water supply watersheds, other priority watersheds and sensitive natural, scenic and recreation areas unavailable for drilling, in order to make a supportable decision about Alternatives in the draft management plan.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
John F Christian

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Sincerely

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Sincerely

Wilson Decker

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Wednesday, October 12, 2011 12:38:18 PM

Oct 12, 2011

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Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

Hello,

In addition to the concerns over water resources mentioned below, I believe there is a correlation between fracking and earthquakes! Scientific research by independent scientists is essential.

This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest almost a million visitors each year.

Additionally, please help the public to understand how very sensible renewable energy is; after all, Germany is a northern country and leads in solar energy use over many countries, including those in southern regions.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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Sincerely

Harriet Kavrukov

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Wednesday, October 12, 2011 11:52:42 AM

Oct 12, 2011

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Sincerely

Helena Dinerman

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Wednesday, October 12, 2011 9:09:58 AM

Oct 12, 2011

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I grew up near the George Washington Forest and would hate to see this area ruined by the mini- earthquakes caused by fracking and horizontal drilling.

I also encourage the Forest Service to heighten scrutiny of vertical gas drilling, which would be allowed on nearly one million acres of the forest under the preferred alternative management plan. The Forest Service should conduct a more thorough study of the impacts of vertical gas drilling (which also can use hydrofracking) before making a decision and, at a minimum, consider making local drinking water supply watersheds, other priority watersheds, and sensitive natural, scenic and recreation areas unavailable for drilling.

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Sincerely

Castle O'Neill

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 12, 2011

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Sincerely

Elena Day

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Tuesday, October 11, 2011 10:30:10 PM

Oct 11, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
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Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

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This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest which is a source of tourism money for the communities that abut it.

I used to camp in the George Washington Forest with my children when they were small and it gave them an appreciation of the beauty of Virginia's mountains and open spaces. I'd like to think that this special place will be still be available when my children have children and want to teach them about nature by camping with them.

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Sincerely

Lisa Robinson

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:54:54 PM

Oct 11, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

As a Virginian I oppose opening up the GW forest for natural gas or any other kind of drilling. What is the point of creating protected lands only to turn around and allow mining on them when corporate interests decide there's money to be made.

I doubt any gas companies are going to go out of business if they can drill in the GW forest, and even if that were the case, it still wouldn't be worth the cost. I hope we can stick to our guns and keep the GW forest the way it is, or even better.

I also encourage the Forest Service to heighten scrutiny of vertical gas drilling, which would be allowed on nearly one million acres of the forest under the preferred alternative management plan. The Forest Service should conduct a more thorough study of the impacts of vertical gas drilling (which also can use hydrofracking) before making a decision and, at a minimum, consider making local drinking water supply watersheds, other priority watersheds, and sensitive natural, scenic and recreation areas unavailable for drilling.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Gerald Irish

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 11, 2011

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Dear Ms. Hyzer,

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This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest for almost a million visitors each year.

Please support this ban. Virginia's natural resources are a treasure.

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Sincerely

Andrew Blossom

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To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
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We absolutely must aggressively protect the few intact forests and other native habitats left in this country. Studies have already been done in Wyoming on the harm that natural gas drilling poses to wildlife and the water systems there. We know better, and we can DO better than to pursue this destructive process.

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Mark Henin

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James Trimm

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We need to take a strong stand that preserving our last forested areas is as important if not more so than the results of the Gas drilling.

This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve critical fish and wildlife habitat which in turn helps to keep the air pure. It is important to all of us to retain the remote rural quality of the forest which hosts almost a million visitors each year.

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Debby Kay

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Honestly, I haven't read the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan yet; but I'm against fracking, particularly since they won't tell us what they use. I think it's particularly dangerous to start this in our National Forests. Please do whatever you can to keep this out of GWNF!

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Marian Jones

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Eliana Cleaves

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PEDRO ROJAS

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No one truly knows what the results of fracking will ultimately be but, do you really want to chance that fracking does not poison underground water sources? That it won't poison the soil and cause major tree species die offs? That we aren't raping the national forests in order to give big business more of the peoples lands to abuse for their own profits?

We, as a nation, have to take a stand somewhere and declare some things off limits--like the potential destruction of our national forests and water supplies.

Please do not put the interests of the fracking industry over the ordinary people of this nation.

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If the government does not protect our environment with bans such as the one proposed, individual citizens are helpless to prevent environmental degradation.

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

David Laux

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Monday, October 10, 2011 10:27:24 AM

Oct 10, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 240193050

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Sincerely

Brendan McEntee

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Monday, October 10, 2011 9:53:57 AM

Oct 10, 2011

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Sincerely

Melody Counts

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 10, 2011

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Sincerely

Adriana Giovanetti

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Sincerely

Linda Jennings

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Monday, October 10, 2011 1:01:37 AM

Oct 10, 2011

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Sincerely

Michelle McVadon

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Monday, October 10, 2011 12:30:40 AM

Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

Jessica Heilweil

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Monday, October 10, 2011 12:00:36 AM

Oct 9, 2011

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Roanoke, VA 240193050

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Sincerely

Douglas B.

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 11:30:36 PM

Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

Gar W. Young

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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This under-regulated industry has been long on promises but short on performance. The long list of environmental issues which have followed this gas recovery technique, is precisely why the parks must be protected.

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Sincerely

Brian Cooper P.E.

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
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Oct 9, 2011

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Dear Ms. Hyzer,

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The long-term health of the people of Virginia requires that we protect our forest watersheds, and these cannot be protected effectively under current law. This is because horizontal drilling allows much larger impacts than previously seen. The George Washington National Forest is public owned and should not be used for something as damaging as current technologies in natural gas drilling with massive fracturing of bedrock. This could mean leaks into groundwater from poorly installed wells, increased earthquakes, and lost forest habitats. Please nab natural gas drilling from the G.W. N F. Thank you!

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Sincerely

Edward Davis

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To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Water is gold and will become more so as populations increase and environmental changes cause limitations on access to clean water. We must protect this resource that is essential for all life.

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Jayn Avery

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Sincerely

elaine broadhead

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Dear Ms. Hyzer,

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It is important to preserve fresh water resources for area residents, fish and wildlife habitat, and to retain the remote rural quality of the forest almost a million visitors each year, to include myself. I am a frequent visitor to the GWNF.

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Peter Reynolds

From:	Environment Virginia
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Oct 9, 2011

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Sharon Freude

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To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

Debbie Slack

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 5:59:57 PM

Oct 9, 2011

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We do not want to take the risk to our habitats and water sourced.
We also do not and will not have the financial resources to manage risk. Keep the forest Wild!

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Sincerely

Frederick Abbey

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Sincerely

Rosemarie Sawdon

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

Samuel Caughron

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
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Oct 9, 2011

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Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

It would be unthinkable to ruin the lives of so many Shenandoah residents by polluting their groundwater with extremely toxic waste by products from the drilling. This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest almost a million visitors each year. What happened in Dimock Pennsylvania should not be repeated!

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Karen Butler

From:	Environment Virginia
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Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

Alex Bryan

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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I am a regular visitor of the Valley and totally enjoy the area and its people. Please protect them!

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Sincerely

Alan Lott

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To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
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Sincerely

Karolyn Kinsey

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
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Oct 9, 2011

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David Roth

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To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
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Jasmine Bailey

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Oct 9, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

I am fully in support of the ban on all types of fracking and drilling in the George Washington national Forest.

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Wendy N. Cohen

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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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nancy radcliffe

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Saturday, October 08, 2011 11:28:33 PM

Oct 8, 2011

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Our forests are already assaulted with insect damage and we need our forests to absorb carbon and provide oxygen. I drive a hybrid car to lessen my use of fuel. We need to stress conservation and more efficient use of fuel instead of letting development of gas resources in fragile areas that are needed for forest, water and recreation. Even in these serious times some companies are still burning off gas resources in the West. Horizontal natural gas drilling should be a last resort choice. We are not running out of gas tomorrow. If technology improves in the future -- 20 years or more -- and there were an emergency need for gas, then maybe such development could be allowed. The U.S. Forest Service should protect our vital forests. A ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest is prudent. Such bans could be revisited in a national emergency.

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Betty (Elizabeth A.) Livingston

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I hike and Bird watch in the National Forst and many have wells there. I also use the Warm Springs in Bath County. We do not want Fracking Chemicals in our water.

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James Shelton

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Please support this ban. Virginia's natural resources are a treasure.

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We absolutely must aggressively protect the few intact forests and other native habitats left in this country. Studies have already been done in Wyoming on the harm that natural gas drilling poses to wildlife and the water systems there. We know better, and we can DO better than to pursue this destructive process.

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We need to take a strong stand that preserving our last forested areas is as important if not more so than the results of the Gas drilling.

This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve critical fish and wildlife habitat which in turn helps to keep the air pure. It is important to all of us to retain the remote rural quality of the forest which hosts almost a million visitors each year.

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Debby Kay

From:	Environment Virginia
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Honestly, I haven't read the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan yet; but I'm against fracking, particularly since they won't tell us what they use. I think it's particularly dangerous to start this in our National Forests. Please do whatever you can to keep this out of GWNF!

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Tim Gabbert

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Sincerely

Paul Burke - Author, Journey Home

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Monday, October 10, 2011 5:11:31 PM

Oct 10, 2011

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Roanoke, VA 240193050

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Ron Erdmann

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Sincerely

Tim Schmitt

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Patricia Wilkinson

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Sincerely

Eliana Cleaves

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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susanne bruckner

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John McDowell

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Sincerely

PEDRO ROJAS

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Alta Tozzi

From:	Environment Virginia
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No one truly knows what the results of fracking will ultimately be but, do you really want to chance that fracking does not poison underground water sources? That it won't poison the soil and cause major tree species die offs? That we aren't raping the national forests in order to give big business more of the peoples lands to abuse for their own profits?

We, as a nation, have to take a stand somewhere and declare some things off limits--like the potential destruction of our national forests and water supplies.

Please do not put the interests of the fracking industry over the ordinary people of this nation.

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Allison Schlegel-Topik

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Melody Counts

From:	Environment Virginia
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Adriana Giovanetti

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Michelle McVadon

From:	Environment Virginia
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Oct 9, 2011

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Jessica Heilweil

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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Douglas B.

From:	Environment Virginia
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Oct 9, 2011

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Jayn Avery

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elaine broadhead

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
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Oct 9, 2011

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Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

It is important to preserve fresh water resources for area residents, fish and wildlife habitat, and to retain the remote rural quality of the forest almost a million visitors each year, to include myself. I am a frequent visitor to the GWNF.

I also encourage the Forest Service to heighten scrutiny of vertical gas drilling, which would be allowed on nearly one million acres of the forest under the preferred alternative management plan. The Forest Service should conduct a more thorough study of the impacts of vertical gas drilling (which also can use hydrofracking) before making a decision and, at a minimum, consider making local drinking water supply watersheds, other priority watersheds, and sensitive natural, scenic and recreation areas unavailable for drilling.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Patrick Lueb

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 8:30:24 PM

Oct 9, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

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Sincerely

Peter Reynolds

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 8:00:11 PM

Oct 9, 2011

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Sharon Freude

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 8:00:10 PM

Oct 9, 2011

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Debbie Slack

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 5:59:57 PM

Oct 9, 2011

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Roanoke, VA 240193050

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This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest almost a million visitors each year.
We do not want to take the risk to our habitats and water sourced.
We also do not and will not have the financial resources to manage risk. Keep the forest Wild!

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Frederick Abbey

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 5:59:57 PM

Oct 9, 2011

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5162 Valleypointe Parkway
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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Rosemarie Sawdon

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 5:29:56 PM

Oct 9, 2011

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5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

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Sincerely

Samuel Caughron

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 3:59:44 PM

Oct 9, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
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Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

It would be unthinkable to ruin the lives of so many Shenandoah residents by polluting their groundwater with extremely toxic waste by products from the drilling. This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest almost a million visitors each year. What happened in Dimock Pennsylvania should not be repeated!

I also encourage the Forest Service to heighten scrutiny of vertical gas drilling, which would be allowed on nearly one million acres of the forest under the preferred alternative management plan. The Forest Service should conduct a more thorough study of the impacts of vertical gas drilling (which also can use hydrofracking) before making a decision and, at a minimum, consider making local drinking water supply watersheds, other priority watersheds, and sensitive natural, scenic and recreation areas unavailable for drilling.

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Sincerely

Karen Butler

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Alex Bryan

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 3:29:46 PM

Oct 9, 2011

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I am a regular visitor of the Valley and totally enjoy the area and its people. Please protect them!

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Sincerely

Alan Lott

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Karolyn Kinsey

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

David Roth

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

Jasmine Bailey

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 1:29:41 PM

Oct 9, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
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Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

I am fully in support of the ban on all types of fracking and drilling in the George Washington national Forest.

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Wendy N. Cohen

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Sunday, October 09, 2011 11:29:27 AM

Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

chet hepburn

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Sincerely

MANIKKAVEL GURUSWAMY

From:	Environment Virginia
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Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

Randall Casey

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Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

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Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

James Boissonnault

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Sincerely

John Malone

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 9, 2011

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

nancy radcliffe

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Saturday, October 08, 2011 11:28:33 PM

Oct 8, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
5162 Valleypointe Parkway
Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest almost a million visitors each year. Please NO FRACKING!

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Sincerely

David Caviness

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
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Oct 8, 2011

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This proposal would help to protect drinking water resources for more than 260,000 Shenandoah Valley area residents, preserve fish and wildlife habitat, and retain the remote rural quality of the forest almost a million visitors each year.

Our forests are already assaulted with insect damage and we need our forests to absorb carbon and provide oxygen. I drive a hybrid car to lessen my use of fuel. We need to stress conservation and more efficient use of fuel instead of letting development of gas resources in fragile areas that are needed for forest, water and recreation. Even in these serious times some companies are still burning off gas resources in the West. Horizontal natural gas drilling should be a last resort choice. We are not running out of gas tomorrow. If technology improves in the future -- 20 years or more -- and there were an emergency need for gas, then maybe such development could be allowed. The U.S. Forest Service should protect our vital forests. A ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest is prudent. Such bans could be revisited in a national emergency.

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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

Betty (Elizabeth A.) Livingston

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Saturday, October 08, 2011 9:30:51 PM

Oct 8, 2011

Ms. Maureen Hyzer
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Roanoke, VA 240193050

Dear Ms. Hyzer,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on horizontal natural gas drilling in the George Washington National Forest, as outlined in the U.S. Forest Service's "preferred alternative" draft management plan.

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I hike and Bird watch in the National Forst and many have wells there. I also use the Warm Springs in Bath County. We do not want Fracking Chemicals in our water.

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Sincerely

James Shelton

From:	Environment Virginia
To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Saturday, October 08, 2011 9:30:49 PM

Oct 8, 2011

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Roanoke, VA 240193050

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Instead of drilling for more non-renewable resources that destroy our atmosphere and harm our environment, I implore you to devote your time and energy into renewable resources. Any legislation that would promote research, development and implementation of wind, solar and other renewable resources would help stimulate the economy by providing jobs in these areas, protect our forests and drinking water, and support our beautful planet Earth.

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Tracy Thompson

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Oct 8, 2011

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Sincerely

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To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Saturday, October 08, 2011 8:58:20 PM

Oct 8, 2011

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I want to save our natural resources. Please protect our environment.

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Larriette Thompson

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I take my son camping in this area often, and it would certainly not be worthwhile to explore the natural wonders if they are no longer natural. Please protect the forest so we can all enjoy its natural beauty for many generations to come, and do not allow this or other development to occur.

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Lance Gardner

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My first job was on the playground for the elementary school on property later called "love canal". I know what an after thought environmental issues are. We as a planet can afford NO MORE MISTAKES or after thoughts. Hide sight when you no longer are physically safe are worthless. Do the right thing.

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I used to live near this area and it should remain as is. Before long the whole skyline drive will be affected. We need pristine green areas for our health.

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M. Rautenbach

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I live in Maryland, but frequently visit and hike in Virginia and enjoy the remote rural quality of the forest. I support this proposed ban as I would be very sorry to see the habitat and quality of the forest destroyed.

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Marcia Swanson

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This forest is part of the larger ecosystem that links states from Georgia to Maine and any major disruption would only endanger the surrounding wilderness areas. This would be the tip of the iceberg and would allow more industry to move in . Mountaintop removal has already devastated parts of West Virginia. Don't let that happen to this area.
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cheryl walsh

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David Stanford

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Obama and the Foiest Administration has just got to have the guts to stand up to big oil, coal, and natural gas- it's the only George Washington Forest we have!
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Good Lord, what next? We need to concentrate on other forms of energy. Please keep the George washington National Forest free from drilling or any other form of destruction!!!!!

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Sincerely

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To:	FS-comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson
Subject:	Please keep George Washington National Forest free from drilling
Date:	Saturday, October 08, 2011 10:57:28 AM

Oct 8, 2011

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Emma Ramsey

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Sarah Steed

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Phoebe Hershey

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In addition, the George Washington Forest is home to Goshen Boy Scout Reservation and Mayflather Girl Scout Camp...and the Blue Ridge Boy Scout Reservation is futher south along I-81. These scout camps are heavily used by campers from the Mid-Atlantic region. It would be a shame to have such wonderful camps eroded by fracking activites.

The State of NY just published their multiyear study on fracking and have put in place very restrictive permitting regulations that will prevent wholesale contamination of drinking water supplies (as has happened in various states that allow unrestricted fracking: e.g., Texas and Pennsylvania). If these companies are going to "mine" this resource than sufficient protections, including multimillion dollar funds for restoration need to be invested by the companies BEFORE being allowed to even request a PERMIT. Control of the issue is important...The State of Virginia (AND the FOREST SERVICE) should be able to see an environmental castrophe coming and place controls in place to AVOID it. Otherwise, the companies will pollute and TAXPAYERS will be asked to clean up their mess AFTER they LEAVE the state. Please consider this VERY CAREFULLY!

Sincerely, Debra
Janes Arlington
VA G.S. Troop
533,
Venture Troop 547,
B.S. Troop 664, and
CubScout Pack 664.

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suzanne o'meara

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Oct 7, 2011

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Fracking has been revealed to be extremely risky and the industry has resisted revealing their methods and chemicals used. Until they demonstrate greater transparency I don't want them on my public lands despoiling the country's resources and potentially poisoning individuals and the environment in the GW National Forest.

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The almost 300,000 residents living in the Shenandoah Valley rely on the area for their drinking water as well as local game food sources, these could be compromised without the gas drilling ban. This proposed ban also helps to preserve the fish and wildlife habitat of our national forest for future generations, as well as quality of the forest for almost a million visitors every year.

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I simply do not trust that Fracking can be done safely. The industries involved are not interested enough in finding alternatives. I don't like chemicals being inserted into the ground during the operation. I also don't like using vast amounts of water either (the only alternative I can think of), because that too is a very precious and scarce resource.

Don't cave in on this. Force the industry to back off, re-work their technology and try again in 10 years. If they can't do it safely then, then it's still not a good idea, and discard it.

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Cliff Mccreedy

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Thanks - Nancy Keefe

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Thank you.
Kitty Richardson

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I appose Fracking - the jobs creates and energy it harvests are few and insignificant (except to the employees and corporate executives).

Natural resources are valuable and it is understandable that some think the strategy of getting at the resources now is worth the risk and cost. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOT WORTH THE COST AND THAT THE RISK IS REAL AND THAT THE RISK IS TOO GREAT.
There is no way to reverse the effects if anything goes wrong.
Just look at the side of the road when driving down the highway where they have cut though a mountain and you can see that the earth's crust is not flat or straight and that hard rock has cracks and fissures.

I have watched documentaries on fracking and how the companies profit while the land and the people who are left suffer. Our laws make it very difficult to hold companies accountable and they then use the lack of convictions to say that their work is safe. Full cost accounting from cradle to grave would be a step in the right direction but could never cover the cost for something that is priceless and irreplaceable.

Furthermore, I believe that the pressure on natural resources will only increase. We haven't begun to see the predicted shortages of these limited resources.

The volume of drinkable water in the world I believe someone said is equivalent to one teaspoon or one tablespoon to a gallon of water. Don't mess with nature - it is way more delicate and interconnected than we have given it credit for in the past and we are still discovering just how precious our resources are.

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Thank you,

Nova Muhlenberg Bonnett
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Darcy Reid Trick

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Not only is this my "backyard" it is one of the last great forests in this state.
The George Washington National Forest includes more than 1 million acres of remote land in Virginia, and provides critical habitat for 53 endangered or threatened species. Industrial activity and possible contamination from fracking put these lands and wildlife at risk.
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I understand that we need to work to produce oil and gas in America and I am a supporter of domestic energy production, but not when the stakes are so high. Please help by banning horizontal drilling in the GWNF!

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