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spent the weekend at SB Elliot park, rented a cabin for a quick getaway. I've stayed here in the past and always liked it for the quiet beauty of the forest and decent fishing if you felt like hiking a few miles.

this weekend changed my mind, actually sickened me. that area of the moshannon state forest is an industrial park. we drove around on saturday, wanting to enjoy the forest, look out for wildlife, and just generally poke around in the woods. instead we were run off the road by ignorant a\$\$hole well workers, and followed by gas company security, like we were trespassing on our own F\*\*king property. at night the quiet of the woods was replace by the constant rumble of drilling equipment, maybe a compressor station or something like that, sounded like a helicopter constantly hovering.

then I read about a well blowout that occurred and poluted the stream I like to fish near there, laurel run.

next time I'll just camp out on neville island, part of which is an industrial wasteland just downriver from pittsburgh.

I hate to see what has become of the forests further north, where drilling is happening at a much faster rate. I've seen enough, my heart is broken, the gas companies are taking over, only a matter of time before they control all the forests and parks. I no longer feel welcome in my own state.