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Re: disheartening at the very least (a rant)

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I've got no problem with private landowners leasing to gas companies and with people signing leases for their mineral rights, the gas companies ARE going to get the gas, might as well get their money if it's offered to you. my beef lies with drilling on state land and the scale of the drilling that will be taking place. as of now, somewhere between 1/4 and 1/3 of the state forests are leased, and corbett wants to open up 100% for leasing. kiss our forests goodbye. it's true that with MS wells they are further apart than shallow wells, but the scale of ms operations is huge. our forests will become industrial sites with small sections of woods in between. people say we'll never notice the drilling, that it's no big deal. BS! it's hard to drive in a state forest in the northern part of this state and not notice. this goes against the state constitution, which preserves the public estate(state forest land) for natural, scenic, historic and ESTHETIC values. our forests are the common property of all people and are supposed to be set aside and conserved so future generations may enjoy them as well. turning them into money producing industrial areas is NOT written in the constitution. if the state doesn't own the mineral rights, too f-ing bad. sorry about your luck if you own the rights under a state forest or park.

a line must be drawn, when it's all said and done, and the jobs are gone, and the gas is gone, and the money is spent, where will we be? what will our beloved forests look like? all people see is money money money, especially our wonderful politicians who see fit to do with our land as they wish.

nobody seems to care about the sustainability of it all, it's all about the fast buck and screw the next guy or anyone downstream. even mentioning tighter regulations to limit environmental damage has you labeled a commie bastard that doesn't care about his country or jobs or energy security. yeah, I'm a commie bastard because I care about the land I live in and not how much money I can make off it.

like I said above, I'm not against private landowners leasing for gas, hell, I'd probably do the same. I'm against OUR forests being sacrificed for greed.