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Regarding the toppling of Corbett....he is being sued by the Penna Environmental Defense Fund.

1218 PEDF Sues Governor over Mismanagement of Conservation Funding

The Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation (PEDF) has filed a lawsuit against Governor Tom Corbett in Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg.

The suit alleges that the Governor, along with his Budget Secretary, Charles Zogby and the State Treasurer, Tom McCord, have violated their fiduciary duties under Article I Section 27 of Pennsylvania's Constitution, and are continuing to endanger our State Forests and Parks as a result.

PEDF had sent several letters to the Governor and the Legislature during the past year urging them not lease any more State Forests, and to stop diverting all the monies that have come from the Marcellus drilling activities on our State Forests. PEDF had made clear that a law suit would be filed if the Governor continued to use the lease money to go to the State's General Fund or for projects that were not specifically used for restoring and preserving our State Parks and Forest System.

When the Governor committed approximately \$70,000,000 of the lease money to replace Fund DCNR's Operational Budget, and another \$20,000,000 to Funds that are not concerned with conserving and maintaining our State Parks and Forest systems PEDF decided to take action.

The suit alleges that the Governor, in both the Rendell and Current Administrations, wrongfully entered into leasing some of our most pristine State Forests, without considering his fiduciary duties; wrongfully took DCNR's financial ability to deal with the impacts from the Marcellus drilling process on our State Forests, and wrongfully uses the funds for purposes that are beyond the Trust established under our Constitution.

To see the entire lawsuit go to PEDF's web site at

[http://www.pedf.org/Petition\\_For\\_Review\\_Lease\\_Fund.pdf](http://www.pedf.org/Petition_For_Review_Lease_Fund.pdf)

The Forest Coalition affidavit is on page 33

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