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Re: Drilling In State Forests Under Consideration Again

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Quote:

Chaz wrote:

The State Owns the mineral rights in nearly every acre of state forests, I'm not sure of SGL's but the Game Comm. probably has those rights on much of its land.

The problem is that once this land is developed there will be all sorts of pressure to keep the thousands of miles of roads that will be built, the pads may not be removed, the water will be polluted and the trout streams will be destroyed. Now I'm not saying this gas shouldn't be developed, but we can certainly make sure that it is done right. Return the land to what is was before gas development.

Each well will need a minimum of 5 million gallons of water to fract the shale and when it comes back out of the ground it is full of pollutants. As I see it that is the biggest problem, the second is there are only 2 places that are currently able to treat the water coming out, and much of the water will probably make it into streams.

The current slowdown should be used as an opportunity to allow some managed development to work out the issues and determine if it's feasible (from an environmental impact perspective) on a larger scale. Also to get the state regulations in order and to get affected state departments staffed and trained.