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Voters endorse state regulations on public lands, management of endangered species ^[2]

by Tim Wigley, President on May 13, 2015 - 5:10am



When I arrived at the Alliance over three years ago, one of the first things I wanted to do was to get a sense of how the average American felt about domestic energy development. What did they know or not know? Did they have faith in the way we develop energy? What were their concerns and how could we address them?

I'm pleased to report that Western Energy...

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This is What Overreach Looks Like ^[7]

by Tim Wigley, President on May 4, 2015 - 2:48pm

Spring is in full swing, and we're already knee deep in the regulatory onslaught.

So far this year, Western Energy Alliance has engaged in rulemaking on a new ozone standard, another round of Quad O air regulations, and greenhouse gas reporting, and now the Resource Management Plan amendments (RMPA) are hitting.

We've filed a lawsuit along with Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) fracking rule, challenged the science on sage grouse, and formally objected to Forest Plans in the White River National Forest and Pawnee National...

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A Rule in Search of a Problem ^[10]

by Kathleen Sgamma, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs on April 30, 2015 - 11:21am



Testifying in the Senate this week on the Bureau of Land Management's

(BLM) final fracking rule, I stressed that the agency has finalized a costly rule with no justification in the form of real environmental benefit.

BLM's rule will regulate hydraulic fracturing on federal and tribal lands nationwide, yet the agency...

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Alliance Supports Senator Gardner's Sage-Grouse Bill [11]

by Kathleen Sgamma, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs on April 23, 2015 - 7:59am

This week, Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) introduced the Sage Grouse Protection and Conservation Act, which empowers states to continue managing Greater Sage-Grouse while providing them time to show the Fish & Wildlife Service that their conservation efforts are effective. The Act is a common-sense way to ensure the protection of the species without harming the western economy and job creation....

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Federal Overreach Threatens Economic Viability of the Osage Nation [13]

by Tripp Parks, Policy Analyst on April 20, 2015 - 7:40am



Regulatory uncertainty can have a drastic effect on local communities, as recent events in Osage County, Oklahoma demonstrate. The Osage Nation purchased all the land and mineral rights in the county in the 19th Century, and maintains those rights in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The county...

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States Outpacing Feds in Safety Regs for Fracking [17]

by Kathleen Sgamma, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs on April 16, 2015 - 2:13pm

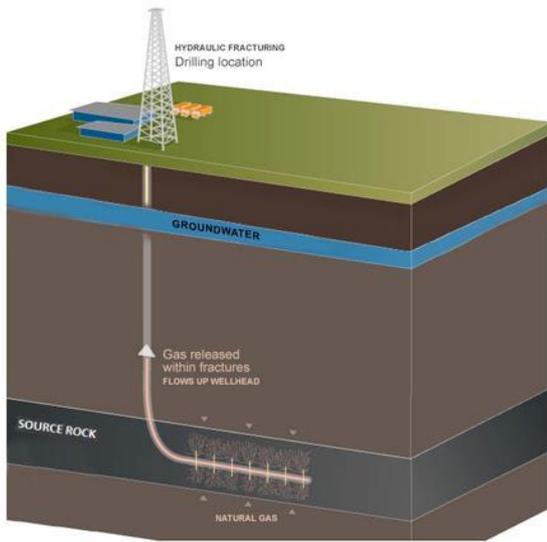


The Department of the Interior recently introduced a rule to regulate hydraulic fracturing on federal lands to much fanfare. Stating the need to update thirty year old regulations, Interior Secretary Jewell characterized Interior's action as taking the lead and giving the states an example to follow...

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by Aaron Johnson, Manager of Communications on April 13, 2015 - 3:04pm



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