

## **More good things about developing the Roan Plateau**

Dear Editor,

More reasons why development of the Roan will be good for Colorado: Oil and gas officials will make enough money to move far away from this state. More roadkill available for homeless people. Gas well tanks make good deer stands. Aspen has Gay Ski Week, Piceance Creek has mancamps! Less freakin' tourists.

More lights to read by while camping. If you close your eyes, truck traffic sounds like waves on the beach.

Gas flares are a good place to roast marshmallows. Illegal immigrants will be able to find more jobs Americans don't want to do. More girls in bathing suits sitting around outdoor heated pools in winter. It'd be a good place for George Bush to hang another "Mission Accomplished" banner.

Upvalley people don't have to look at it unless they go to Moab. Traveling through the wilderness on a good road saves time. Lots of flat spots (well pads) to camp on. It's easier to find worms for fishing along a freshly-laid pipeline. Gas derricks make good eagle perches. More gas-powered electricity for environmentalists to blog with. Deer and elk herds prefer grass on reclamation sites. The natural gas-fueled hearth on the Aspen mall enhances the downtown pedestrian experience. Most of the population is too overweight to chop wood. Greg Schnacke needs a new Hummer. People prefer gas-grilled steaks to cold cuts. Global warming can't heat your house on a cold day.

Extracting natural gas from cows is just gross. Solar energy is only viable 300 days out of the year in Colorado.

Deer and elk will be easier to shoot if they see humans every day. Nothing says Colorado like exploiting the land for profit. No one has ever heated a home with a Parachute penstemon.

The state's highest waterfall is really not that great, anyway. Peregrine falcon eggs make good omelets. The people getting sick near gas wells in Silt are starting to complain. Paris Hilton and Britney Spears have never been there, so no one cares, anyway.

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