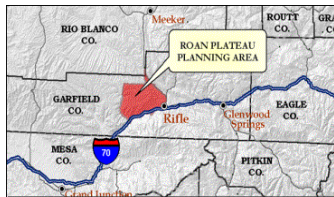


Save Roan Plateau

The Roan Plateau in Western Colorado is currently a target for massive natural gas drilling and extraction. The undeveloped top and cliffs of the plateau are facing energy development that has already turned the base of the plateau into a sprawling network of wells, drill rigs, roads, pipelines, compressors and waste pits. The Bureau of Land Management is currently preparing the area's first ever management plan that will govern all uses of the area for the next 10-15 years. Now is the time to act to save Roan Plateau and keep drilling off the top and cliffs of the Roan Plateau.

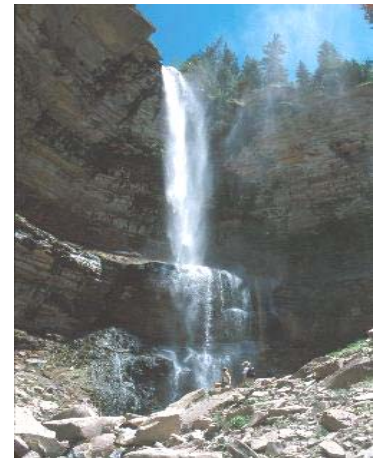
A balanced plan keeps drilling at the base only, and off the top and cliffs

The Roan Plateau is a majestic landscape



Near the city of Rifle, the Roan Plateau towers more than 3,000 feet above the Colorado River valley below. Atop the Plateau are quiet trout streams, dramatic box canyons, and the East Fork waterfall, one of Colorado's tallest. The area is home to prized deer and elk herds, and one of the purest strains of native trout in the world. The Roan Plateau offers outstanding recreation opportunities including:

- Wildlife Viewing
- Hiking
- Hunting
- Horseback Riding
- Fishing
- Camping



Protection benefits local communities

The Roan Plateau is a unique and important public land area that citizens cherish, and where local communities have been camping, hunting, hiking and ranching for generations. Local businesses also understand that undeveloped public lands such as the Roan Plateau are good for the economy. Hunting on the Roan Plateau is worth almost \$4 million annually. Preserving the natural beauty of Colorado helps diversify local economies and helps ensure long-term economic vitality.



The Roan Plateau faces an uncertain future

Significant quantities of natural gas underlie the Plateau, which sits in the gas-rich Piceance Basin.

- 94% of the natural gas in the basin is already available from public lands open to drilling.
- Half the land in the planning area is already leased or owned by the energy industry.
- Well density at the base of the plateau is the highest in the nation.
- Industry insiders forecast 10,000 wells in Garfield County, more than exist in Saudi Arabia and Iran combined.
- According to BLM figures, 86% of the gas reserve likely to be developed in the Planning Area over the next 20 years is accessible without drilling on top of the Plateau.

Save Roan Plateau

A Balanced Plan

A balanced plan for the Roan Plateau will protect key natural areas on the top and cliffs while providing for gas development at the base. This even-handed approach would safeguard our special places and ensure that development is compatible with local communities and diverse livelihoods. Recognized by the Colorado Natural Heritage Program as one of the most biologically diverse areas on the Western Slope, the Roan Plateau provides outstanding habitat for fish, wildlife and rare plant species. As part of the citizen created conservation vision for the Roan Plateau, citizens have proposed approximately 40,000 acres of the plateau for wilderness protection as part of the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal. This conservation vision also outlines protection for fish, wildlife, and imperiled species and safeguards for backcountry recreation opportunities.

Local voices have weighed in

Randy Corry, Silt Town Council Member

"Letting the gas industry have free rein with somewhere as beautiful as the Roan Plateau is not in the best interest of the people. National leaders love to talk about local control. The local people in Garfield County have spoken."

Grand Junction Sentinel 9/7/2003

"With thousands of acres surrounding the plateau already available for gas drilling, it's far from clear that drilling on the plateau is necessary to meet U.S. natural gas needs."

Denver Post, 2/9/2003

"Most locals want this wondrous, huge mesa to remain the province of hunters and hikers, not become the domain of drill rigs and pipelines."

Protecting the Roan Plateau will:

- Safeguard the economic diversity of our communities.
- Preserve the quality of life for the local communities.
- Protect world-class recreational activities.
- Protect fish, wildlife and imperiled species.
- Ensure responsible energy development.
- Maintain open spaces and natural areas.



Take Action!

With your help we can save Roan Plateau!

The BLM will be releasing a draft management plan soon, and they need to hear from you! **Please write, email or fax the BLM today** to urge the agency to protect the wilderness, habitat, recreation & scenic values of this special place and to select a balanced plan that keeps drilling at the base and off the top and cliffs.

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Keep gas drilling at the base only, and off the top and cliffs.

Join us in promoting this balanced plan for Roan Plateau.

For more information or to become involved in the campaign please go to our website

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