

Bureaucrats Block Private Property Rights, Pursuit of Prosperity

Thousands of private Ohio landowners have leased their minerals for oil and natural gas development in the heart of Ohio's most prolific shale development—but federal bureaucratic red tape is prohibiting private landowners from developing their private minerals. How can this occur when private mineral owners own nearly 60 percent of the minerals in Ohio's Wayne National Forest?

In 2012 thousand of private property owners leased private minerals for development of oil and natural gas for a time duration of five years. In response oil and natural gas companies nominate dozens of adjacent federal mineral parcels for federal auction sale.

STOP

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2014

BLM responds to congressional inquiry from U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson, who asked the BLM why the process was delayed for two years. BLM advised Johnson that they were "adjudicating" 37 nominated parcels.

2015

DELAY
AHEAD

BLM conducts extensive public scoping as part of an Environmental Assessment to lease federal minerals.

2016

2017

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TURN
RIGHT

Multiple oil and gas companies file Applications for Permits to Drill. At the same time, the Center for Biological Diversity and other fringe environmental groups sue the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service citing NEPA in an effort to stop leasing and shale development as part of the their Keep It In the Ground campaign.

BLM announces a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and allows leasing of federal minerals. In 2016, the BLM hosts several successful federal mineral auction sales, however the BLM does not issue title for federal leases until months after the federal auction, causing further delays.

2018

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2018
MARCH

Congressman Johnson's concerns are warranted as three days later, the March 22nd federal auction sale resulted in 99% less revenue than the previous sales.

Private mineral owners reporting that oil and gas companies are no longer offering bonus checks and, in some cases, are not leasing to private minerals adjacent to BLM property. Citing federal "uncertainty" with permitting.

March 19th Congressman Johnson sends a letter to Secretary Zinke expressing concerns over the ongoing delays.

FACT

2018
APRIL

House Committee on Natural Resources holds, "The Weaponization of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Implications of Environmental Lawfare" which included testimony on BLM delays. NARO applauds hearing and issues support letter.

2018
JUNE

SLOW!

BLM Instruction Memorandum entitled "Directional Drilling into Federal Mineral Estate from Well Pads on Non Federal Locations issued, but interpretation from Eastern States is unclear.

2018
JULY

FACT

Not one permit has been issued to drill, costing landowners and taxpayers millions.

PRIVATE PROPERTY
KEEP OUT