

The Experts Call for BLM to Proceed Cautiously with Oil Shale Development:

RAND Corporation: *“The government lacks important information about the costs and risks of development. It thus runs the risk of either being too lenient about lease bonus and royalty payments, allowing firms to have access without adequate compensation to the public, or too zealous, causing a loss of private-sector interest in oil shale development, especially for initial commercial plants.”*

—Testimony before Natural Resources Committee, April 2007

[<http://www.rand.org/pubs/testimonies/CT279/>] .

Chevron: *“Chevron believes that a full scale commercial leasing program should not proceed at this time without clear demonstration of commercial technologies...[and] that the infrastructure and socioeconomic needs of local communities need to be addressed as the industry goes from research to commercial development.”*

—letter to BLM, 20 March 2008

[http://ostseis.anl.gov/involve/draftcomments/act_displayfile.cfm?filename=OSTSD_52876.pdf]

Colorado Governor Bill Ritter: *“[M]aking land available or promulgating regulations in the absence of underlying data from the research and development projects is reckless and will lead to long-term and significant negative impacts on Colorado.”*

—letter to BLM, 20 March 2008

[http://ostseis.anl.gov/involve/draftcomments/act_displayfile.cfm?filename=OSTSD_52837.pdf]

Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal: *“The technologies that may one day be used for large-scale, economical production of synfuels from oil shale are unproven and still unknown. Based on this lack of technological information, it is not feasible to make long-term policy decisions to manage this industry.”*

—letter to BLM, 19 March 2008

[http://ostseis.anl.gov/involve/draftcomments/act_displayfile.cfm?filename=OSTSD_00126.pdf]

State of Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Director: *“We do not understand if there is sufficient physical water, let alone water rights, available to support the scale of development contemplated and the effects this level of water demand might have on agriculture or wildlife (especially endangered fish) inhabiting lands and waters in the area.”*

—letter to BLM, 21 April 2008

[http://ostseis.anl.gov/involve/draftcomments/act_displayfile.cfm?filename=OSTSD_53001.pdf]

Front Range Water Users Council: *“We are concerned...that the development of oil shale in Colorado could significantly affect the Council’s ability to serve existing customers and the future growth projected for the Front Range of Colorado.”*

—Letter to BLM, 20 March 2008

[\[http://ostseis.anl.gov/involve/draftcomments/act_displayfile.cfm?filename=OSTSD_52869.pdf\]](http://ostseis.anl.gov/involve/draftcomments/act_displayfile.cfm?filename=OSTSD_52869.pdf)

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union: *“We must fully understand the possible demands on statewide infrastructure from water needs to energy consumption to transportation demands before leasing regulations are adopted.... Please do not play games with Colorado’s precious water resources.”*

—letter to Senators Feinstein and Allard, 14 May 2008

Read what the [Denver Post](#) and [The Salt Lake Tribune](#) had to say about oil shale.

[\[http://www.denverpost.com/opinion/ci_9570992\]](http://www.denverpost.com/opinion/ci_9570992)

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