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Oil Shale and Tar Sands Draft Programmatic EIS Comments
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RE: Allow Access to National Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources

Please reply to

With global demand for energy on the rise, it is vital that the U.S. government allow thoughtful and appropriate use of our nation's natural energy resources, such as oil shale and tar sands, in order to reduce our reliance on foreign energy imports.

The Draft Programmatic EIS (PEIS) proposed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offers a plan for exploration and development of these unconventional fuels in an environmentally-conscious manner. Development of these resources will offer significant benefits to local, state and national economies and will strengthen national energy security. Government estimates conclude that portions of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, contain at least 800 billion barrels of recoverable oil from oil shale and 12 to 19 billion barrels of tar sands oil. Development of these resources would help meet our nation's growing energy needs and relieve the high cost of energy for consumers.

I support the BLM's PEIS proposing the exploration and development of our nation's oil shale and tar sands resources.

Sincerely,

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