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Bureau of Land Management
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

Access to oil shale and tar sands from the leasing areas outlined in the Draft Programmatic EIS proposed by the Bureau of Land Management would offer significant benefits to the United States, as it would enhance the economy and decrease dependence on foreign sources of oil.

The government estimates that the Green River Formation, which covers portions of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, contains at least 800 billion barrels of recoverable oil from oil shale. Present U.S. demand for petroleum products is about 20 million barrels per day. If we used oil shale to meet a quarter of that demand, these resources would last for more than 400 years. Development of these resources and access to the 12 to 19 billion barrels of tar sands oil located in Eastern Utah would help meet our nation's growing energy needs and relieve the high cost of energy for consumers.

As energy demands increase, consumers and businesses are forced bear the burden of high energy costs. I support access to oil shale and tar sands to help relieve this burden by providing a domestic source of oil for the United States.

Sincerely,

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