

Protecting Communities and Special Places

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"The public has been kept in the dark far too long in this process ... It's their land and they have a right to know."
~ Jim Abernathy, PennFuture

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October 19, 2013

The Global Frackdown will unite concerned citizens around the globe to tell elected officials that we want a future lit by clean, renewable energy; not dirty, polluting fossil fuels. The journey to a renewable energy future will not be fueled by shale gas. Take a stand against fracking - find an event near you and join the Frackdown!

More Questions than Answers: The Anadarko Development Plan

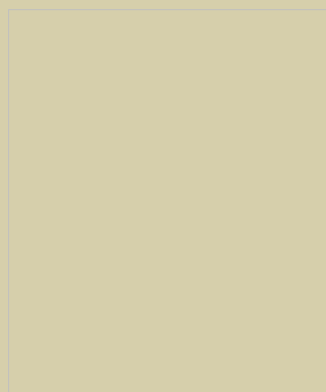
By ANN PINCA

It took over nine months for delivery, but after a Right to Know Law request, an appeal, and several rounds of legal arguments and mediation, the Office of Open Records ordered the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to disclose Anadarko Petroleum Corporation's (Anadarko) development plans for the Loyalsock State Forest.

The point of the Right to Know Law request, made by PennFuture, was to learn what development is planned for the hotly contested Clarence Moore lands in the state forest. Unfortunately, the document delivered on October 15 offers less information than was given at the June 3 DCNR public meeting in Williamsport, since the DCNR was permitted to redact - i.e., to censor - any details identified by Anadarko as confidential proprietary information.

Like a joke without a punch line, the redacted 2012 document is mostly irrelevant. And there is nothing humorous about the nine-month stand-off to obtain it and the ridiculously endless blacked-out pages it contains. Those factors seem to indicate the unwillingness of Anadarko and the DCNR to allow the citizens of Pennsylvania to understand what is planned for the popular state forest they own and enjoy.

In a Sun-Gazette article, Mary Wolf, Anadarko's Government Relations Advisor, claimed that the redacted material dealt mainly with seismology matters and mineral levels and depths, but many pages in the plan are heavily blacked out, some completely. These include sometimes bewildering redacted areas on almost all topics: road construction,



A heavily redacted page from the plan released by DCNR.

[Click here to find an event near you](#)

Mobilize to defend the Loyalsock!

On **November 1** where will you be?

You are invited to join Marcellus Shale Earth First! for a family-friendly day of action against fracking, which will include speakers, music, hiking, a potluck dinner, and supervised kids' activities. Let's show Anadarko Petroleum Corp. that we're not going to let them frack in the Loyalsock State Forest.

Schedule of the day:
Rally: 1:00-2:45 p.m. at the intersection of Yellow Dog Road and Ellenton Ridge Road, Loyalsock State Forest

Hike: 3:00-5:00 p.m. starting at the same location

Dinner, Discussion & Debrief: 5:30-8:00 p.m. location TBA (nearby)

[Look here for more information on the rally](#)

Fall Action Camp

Oct 27 - Nov 3

Marcellus Shale Earth First! invites you to Northeastern Pa. for a week of workshops, trainings, camping, hiking, and a mass forest mobilization on November 1 at the beautiful waters of Rock Run.

[Click here for more information](#)

well pads, water impoundments, pipelines, and communications infrastructure. A conceptual development timeline chart is completely blackened, as are seven entire pages in a row in Appendix A. Noticeably absent from the entire document are maps, locations and many specific numbers.

The redaction of so much material in the report only raises more questions. In the State Forest Environmental Review prepared by Anadarko, why choose to mysteriously cover up a few choice sentences just when the discussion turns to water withdrawals and recycling? What does it mean when an entire large block of black appears in the Recreation Sites and Opportunities section after the narrative brings up on-location security? Why black out the entire table of anticipated disturbances that includes numbers of well pads, compressors, impoundments, new roads, and pipelines when this information was given by the DCNR at the June meeting; does it imply that the numbers are different?



The entire Surface Use Agreement is left almost completely unmarked, with the notable exception of one large blackened box that eliminates the entire discussion of the "Slush Pit," defined in the Texas Administrative Code as a "pit used in conjunction with drilling rig for collecting spent drilling fluids; cuttings, sands, and silts; and wash water used for cleaning drill pipe and other equipment at the well site." Why can we know everything else about the surface use agreement except for this most environmentally important question?

Another page from the report.

While the DCNR and Anadarko may have expected concerned environmental groups to "see red" over the highly redacted report, those groups instead may now conjure even darker shades of doubt in terms of transparency with the actual plans for the Clarence Moore lands.

In a State Impact report, DCNR spokeswoman Christina Novak stated that the disclosed plan does not represent a final agreement with Anadarko and has not been formally revised since its submission. Novak said that the DCNR has promised to keep "stakeholder groups" informed of "what happens next" with the Loyalsock State Forest.

We insist that the DCNR includes the public as stakeholders in future communications - and that next time, real information is presented without another nine-month fight to get it.

What Will <2% Percent Disturbance Look Like in the Loyalsock State Forest?

A visit to Anadarko's Operations in the Tiadaghton State Forest

While the Anadarko plan released on Tuesday by the DCNR did not contain many new details, we do have the information provided at the DCNR June 3

Marcellus Shale Earth First!

Fall Action camp

Defend the Loyalsock!



Workshops include: bioentrism, tree climbing, anti-oppression, backcountry skills, direct action training, plant & tree ID, health & safety during actions, backcountry games, meals, leave your rights, pack, water media distribution techniques during remote operations & more!

For directions & more info: www.marcellushaleearthfirst.org

TAKE ACTION!

Susquehanna Fracking Call-In Day

October 23, 2013

NEW YORKERS,
PENNSYLVANIANS,
MARYLANDERS:

On Wednesday, October 23, we will rock the Governors' Offices with our phone calls in a Save Our Susquehanna Call-In Day.

The message: Not one drop of water from the Susquehanna for fracking until you authorize the SRBC to do a comprehensive environmental study on water quality and hydraulic fracturing.

NY: CALL CUOMO (518) 474-8390

PA: CALL CORBETT (717) 787-2500

MD: CALL O'MALLEY (410) 974-3901

[Find more information here](#)

IN THE NEWS

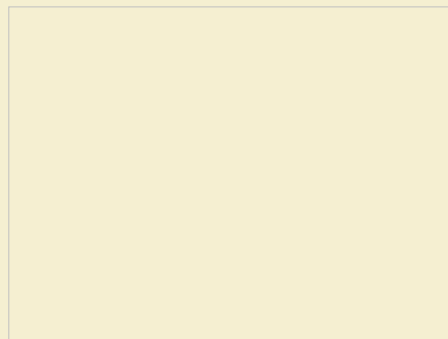
DEP Creates Online Public Participation Center

DEP has created an all-new, online [Public Participation Center](#), which is a clearinghouse for all information related to DEP meetings, [webinars](#) and a [Calendar of Events](#), as well as proposals posted for public comment.

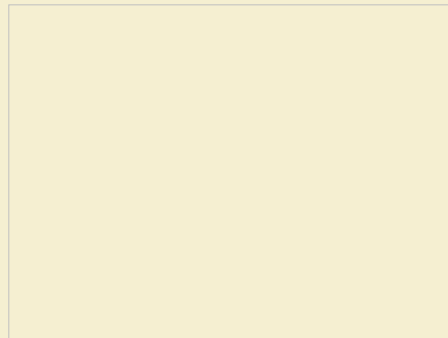
The online center

public meeting in Williamsport. According to the [DCNR presentation](#) and based on Anadarko's operations in the Bull Run Road area of the Tiadaghton State Forest, we can expect the following impacts if drilling commences in the Clarence Moore lands:

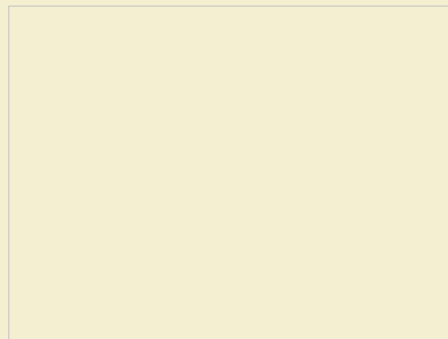
26 Well Pads



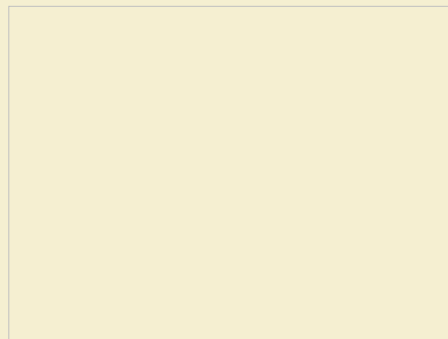
4 Compressor Stations



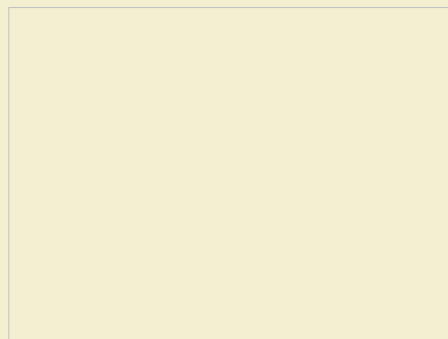
5 Fresh Water Impoundments



4 Safety System Communication Towers



34 Miles New Pipeline ROW
25'-100' Construction Width



includes an educational component where visitors can learn about: [technical guidance and policies](#); [the rulemaking process](#); and the electronic tools available to track permit applications or to be notified of pending authorizations. It also includes a link to the updated Citizen's Guide to DEP Regulations which explains the regulatory process in an easy-to-understand format developed in partnership with the CAC.

[Read more here](#)

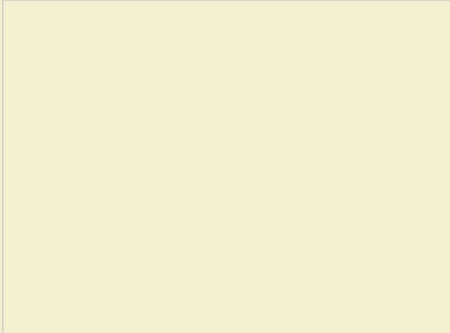
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15.6 Miles New Roads 15.5 Miles Rebuilt Existing Roads



All photos by Ann Pinca

[Take a complete tour of Anadarko's Operations on Bull Run Road here](#)

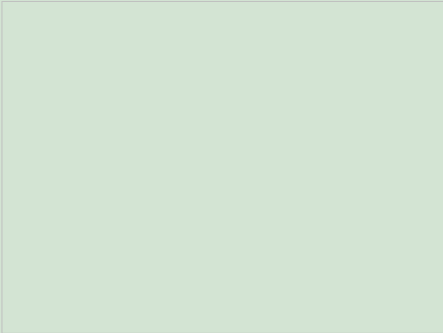
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Keep It Wild Hike #10: Smith's Knob

**Saturday, October 19
11:00 a.m.**

Join us to hike a section of the Loyalsock Trail from the Little Bear Ranger's Station to Smith's Knob, with a return via Painter's Run.

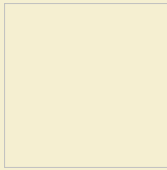
This is a strenuous hike on a rocky, rugged trail with an elevation change of approximately 1,100 feet. Your reward is a beautiful view of the Loyalsock Valley from Smith's Knob.



[Look here for more information and directions](#)

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