

With the COGCC's "preliminary final approval" of 2,000 setbacks for drilling and fracking operations, Colorado activist organizations including Safe and Healthy Colorado, 350 Colorado and Colorado Rising, continue to state that "significant harm" is still expected at that distance, and the limitations need to be increased to 2,500 feet with no waivers, variances or exemptions. The final committee approval is expected by November 1, 2020, and although most activists originally supported the efforts, most now state that the current efforts are not enough and "the fight will continue."

[https://www.coloradopolitics.com/denver-gazette/commission-finalizes-2-000-foot-setback-rule-for-drilling-operations-statewide/article\\_892ada9c-01af-11eb-82e1-77db7e1fcc86.html](https://www.coloradopolitics.com/denver-gazette/commission-finalizes-2-000-foot-setback-rule-for-drilling-operations-statewide/article_892ada9c-01af-11eb-82e1-77db7e1fcc86.html)

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/safe-healthy-colorado/press-release-safe-healthy-colorado-response-to-preliminary-vote-on-2000-foot-se/10105269370177018/>

**Safe and Healthy Colorado (SHC):** With SHC founders/organizers Suzanne Spiegel and Anne Lee Foster having previously sent private messages indicating a "guarantee" that they will be prepared and moving forward with an initiative in 2022, SHC attacked the newly accepted 2,000 foot setbacks, describing the effort as "an attempt to appease corporate interests" and the "effort does not protect Colorado citizens from negative health impacts as guaranteed by SB19-181".

Aligning itself with WildEarth Guardians and 350 Colorado, leadership Spiegel and Foster, along with WG Program Director Jeremy Nichols, remain concerned with the Air Quality Control Commission's implementation of SB19-181, with its increased monitoring rules requiring frequent inspections of oil and gas equipment statewide, beginning in May of 2021. The air-quality tracking will now require emissions tracking beginning with O&G well construction.

<https://www.denverpost.com/2020/09/24/colorado-air-quality-oil-gas-rule/>

Meanwhile, the WildEarth Guardians lawsuits over the "Polis Roadmap" continues, publicly challenging that they do not accept the "draft" changes until they are adopted and critiqued for effectiveness, and that "they are not happy."

<https://www.cpr.org/2020/09/30/colorado-climate-change-jared-polis-roadmap-to-meet-goals-some-environment-groups-oppose/>

**Broomfield CAN (Colorado Action Network) (BCAN) and Broomfield Concerned (BC):** On October 1, 2020, North Denver anti O&G activist Suzanne Cabral posted a private message in a BCAN discussion, that Colorado Rising was not accepting of the proposed 2,000 setbacks being established by the COGCC, and that Joe Salazar was preparing a legal "challenge of the ambiguous language." Continued commenting from Broomfield activists including Becky McLeod and Cristen Logan is that the distance needs to be increased to 2,500 feet, that the variance exceptions need to be removed, and that "the fight is not over.... Not even close."

On September 30, 2020, BC members publicized that "Broomfield's Air Monitoring Program Identifies Additional VOC Plumes at the Livingston and Soaring Eagle Park Monitoring Locations." They further related that experts are attempting to identify a source as events are increasing in frequency, but cannot correlate the events specifically to O&G operations.

It should be noted that Broomfield's air monitoring "partners" include Colorado State University and Boulder AIR (Detlev Helmig), with both organizations having indirect or associate ties directly to

Broomfield's anti-O&G activist City/County Councilmembers including Guyleen Castriotta, Heidi Henkel, Jean Lim, Laurie Anderson and Deven Shaff.

On September 15, 2020, activists in Broomfield posted links to the Boulder Daily Camera article, noting that Extraction Oil and Gas had filed a lawsuit against the city and county of Broomfield, saying officials there are infringing on the company's existing operating rights in an attempt to shut down its operations.

Specifically, it cited the new "40 decibel" nighttime noise limit, noting that such an ordinance would place them at financial risk and could create a situation where they could not be financially viable. The activists believe that the operator does not have enough money to pursue the legal action.

<https://www.dailycamera.com/2020/09/15/extraction-oil-gas-sues-broomfield-claiming-its-targeted-by-ordinances/>

Broomfield activists continue to express concern over Chevron's acquisition of Noble Energy, and pending litigation attempting to block the transaction. In linking previous articles explaining the lawsuit, Broomfield activist continue to monitor the transaction for possible impact including linking an October 3, 2020 Broomfield Enterprise summary article.

<https://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/2020/08/20/shareholder-sues-to-halt-noble-chevron-deal/>

<https://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/2020/10/02/noble-shareholders-vote-in-favor-of-chevron-takeover/>

**Extinction Rebellion Denver/Colorado (ERD & ERC):** Having rejected the Extinction Rebellion global agenda and withdrawn its association with ER Global, the local chapters continue to align with more extreme anti-government/anarchy-based organizations such as the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), "Boulder Antifa", Occupy Wall Street/Denver and the Party For Socialism and Liberation.

In noting that "Environmental Justice is Social Justice," internal messaging between Colorado-based activist groups including ERC continues to discuss whether the focus should remain with local "Social Justice" protests and issues, or transition support towards the anti-pipeline movements surrounding Keystone and Dakota Access pipeline projects.

In support of the Sanctuary 4All Colorado protests of Immigration enforcement and the Aurora GEO Detention Facility, ERC will be hosting a support protest and fundraiser on October 10, 2020 at the First Unitarian Society Church in Denver. This is a fund-raising event with approximately 30 people set to attend at this time.

**In linking a connection between "social justice" and "environmental racism", Colorado activist's targeted Chevron's acquisition of Colorado producer Noble Energy, noting that while "one of the only oil companies to support Black Lives Matter, secretly funded politicians who were in opposition to it." Private messaging from ERC leader Dave Robinson that included Denver activist Ron Booth, distributed a "Good Magazine" article from October 2, 2020, noting financial support for Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) and Martha McSally (R-AZ), who both directly oppose BLM efforts.**

<https://www.good.is/the-only-oil-company-to-voice-support-for-black-lives-matter-secretly-funds-politicians-who-say-they-dont>

Commenting was negative and asked, “Does Chevron have an office in Denver?”, with no identified response. There were no further statements or comments on the issue.

**No Bella Wells (NBW)/Northern Colorado Earth Guardians (NCEG) and Weld Air and Water (WAW):**

Northern Colorado anti-O&G activist Fran Levine is promoting the December 5, 2020 on-line training event “Medical Symposium: Health Effects of Oil and Gas Development”, as presented by the Physicians for Social Responsibility Colorado. Speakers include Keynote speaker Detlev Helmig (former INSTAAR Director and anti-O&G air quality activist), Dr. Stephanie Malin (activist and air quality opposition leader), and Dr. Abdul El-Sayed (Environmental Racism activist), with an agenda that includes a centralized focus on reported health impacts from Oil and Gas operations. There are currently 45 participants.



**Sierra Club Colorado (SCC):** On October 1, 2020, SCC promoted the NY Times article entitled “Denver Wants to Fix a Legacy of Environmental Racism.” Although the article lacks any direct O&G referencing, local activists are utilizing the attention promotion of their agendas and of their recent focus on air quality and emission control and monitoring in Colorado and in the Commerce City area.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/30/climate/city-parks.html>

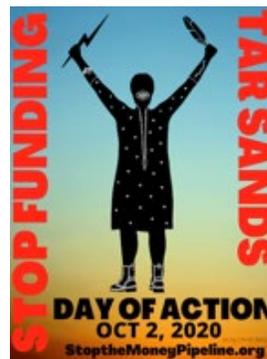
SCC ran a parallel article from the Colorado on-line news service, entitled “EPA’s Methane Rollbacks will Adversely Affect the Health of all Coloradans.” The left-wing service noted that the EPA regulation adjustments are a “thinly veiled attempt to limit oversight of the oil and gas industry and the expense of Coloradans health and safety” and that “in the absence of federal leadership, Colorado’s leaders must step up to the plate to hold oil and gas companies accountable to curb dangerous methane pollution.”

<https://coloradonewsline.com/2020/09/25/epas-methane-rollbacks-will-adversely-affect-the-health-of-all-coloradans/>

Additionally, the Sierra Club continues its support of “cross-culturing” activism by continuing the endorsement of social justice protests, including the “say her/his name” movement. In demanding that the officers involved in the Breonna Taylor shooting be charged criminally, the Sierra Club continues in its attempt to distance itself from its own racist history, including commenting made by Sierra Club founder John Muir

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2020/07/22/liberal-progressive-racist-sierra-club-faces-its-white-supremacist-history/>

**Earth Guardians (EG):** On October 2, 2020, EG, along with 350's "STOP THE MONEY PIPELINE" movement, hosted the on-line protest "Stop Funding Tar Sands." The "day of action" proposed activists blocking activities associated with the Keystone XL, Line 3 and Trans-Mountain pipeline construction projects, with a demand that "Wall Street stop funding" such projects and proposed to "hold the funders of tar sands accountable."



The event included participation from over 100 people nationally and included some "on-the-street" protest at selected locations, with no specific incidents reported.

Earth Guardians continues its alignment with the environmental attorney organization "Our Children's Trust", asking the U.S. Congress to Co-sponsor its "Children's Fundamental Rights and Climate Recovery Resolution", which claims its needs funding (money) to oppose "the disproportionate impacts of climate change on children and the need for national recovery planning." In continuing the Youth V. Government and Juliana lawsuit efforts, S. Con. Resolution 47 and H. Con. Resolution 119, sponsored by Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Representative Janice Schakowsky (D-IL), were proposed on September 23, 2020 and "supports the principles underpinning" of the continuing failed lawsuits.

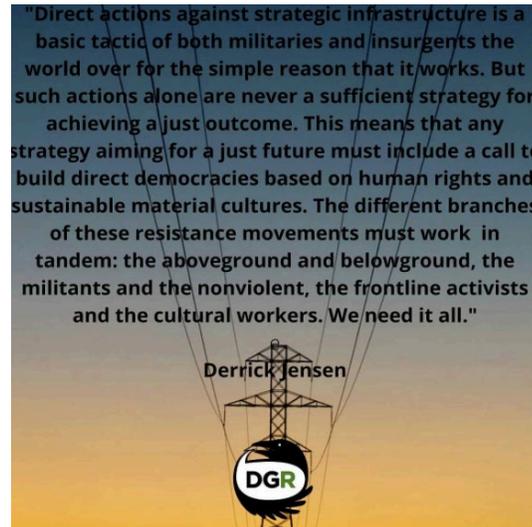
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**Deep Green Resistance (DGR):** Continues to endorse the use of sabotage and vandalism as the primary tools in their Decisive Ecological Warfare (DEW) model of anarchy. DGR Colorado continues to recruit membership into the state and has links to numerous other Colorado-based anti-O&G activist groups, as well as strong opposition to all forms of industrialization including U.S. infrastructure. DGR continues to utilize the "DEFEND, DISRUPT and DISMANTLE" mentality, noting that the "use of violence is the same as the use of love", when protecting the planet. DGR supports the "aggressive socialist agenda", and Antifa protests/riots that continue to occur.

DGR and founder Derrick Jensen, will be hosting an on-line event on November 22, 2020, entitled "Sprouting From the Ashes: Truth Telling in the Age of Ecological Collapse." The event, while still in the planning stages, has 36 participants registered and will be consistent with other previously held promotional events, "cautiously" supporting and promoting anarchy and sabotage of pipelines and energy infrastructure, as a method of industrial opposition.

On September 19, 2020, DGR linked its Community Organizing Guide (from the Neighborhood Anarchist Collective), through its News Service. The "guide" provides anti-O&G activists structure for "Activists,

Organizers and Leaders”, and makes recommendations on establishing, developing and coordinating relationships for oppositional success.



Endorsement of the DEW model of anarchy in oppositional support against infrastructure

**350 Colorado:** The 350 Colorado network (Boulder, Central, Denver, Roaring Fork, Colorado Springs and Northern Colorado) will be hosting a phone and text banking effort in support of the Democratic Party, on October 12, 2020. They will also host a training session on October 15, 2020, discussing how to talk to people, solicit and cast votes, “and other creative ways you can help us get thousands of voters to cast their ballots.” Although not yet listed, additional events will be coordinated through the November election period, to solicit support.

The group further relates that a vote for the Democratic Party, is a “Climate Vote”

On October 4, 2020, 350 Colorado created and posted questions for activists to participate in the Gardner/Hickenlooper debates, requesting environmentalists to text, write, call or personally submit the following questions:

- Will you commit to refusing campaign contributions from fossil fuel interests?
- How will you work to reduce climate change?
- What will you do to address environmental and social injustice?
- Would you work to reduce or eliminate fracking in Colorado and the nation?

While most activists have posted concern and a lack of support for Hickenlooper, private messaging and commenting openly discusses “pressuring” the former Governor into changing the perceived support for O&G projects as the assumed winner for the open Colorado Senate seat.

350, along with other anti-O&G/pipeline organizations, continue to request financial support for Denver based DAPL activist/protestor, Red Fawn Fallis. The pipeline activist was released from federal custody on September 9, 2020 to a “half-way house” in Denver. Red Fawn continues to state that upon her release, she wishes to continue her Oil and Gas/pipeline opposition efforts, with a focus on Indigenous Rights.

<https://www.standwithredfawn.org>

On August 6, 2020, Micah Parkin and Amy Gray sent private messaging to “trusted allies”, announcing a “Solidarity School” “to align and organize to win in the upcoming election season.” The coordination effort is a series of mass calls designed to expand activist’s skill sets, with 350.org guest speakers providing training on “how to fight for racial justice,” and how it connects with climate change. There are two training remaining (October 7th and November 11th, 2020). Although these “events” have drawn very little attendance they continue as planned.



350 Colorado is coordinating an e-mail and petition campaign addressed to JP Morgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon, in opposition to the Tar Sands related projects, and directly opposed to Suncor Energy’s operations in Commerce City Colorado. The on-line “chain” or form letter, states “as the largest U.S. banker for Tar Sands, JP Morgan Chase is driving climate change and poisoning Indigenous and Latin communities in Colorado. We demand you cease financing Suncor Energy and the Tar Sands today to prevent climate destruction and human rights abuses.” The petition currently has 174 signatures, including numerous from outside of Colorado.

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/demand-jpmorgan-chase-stop-financing-suncor-energy-and-tar-sands>

350 Colorado additionally took aim at political and financial support from O&G companies, including the September 23, 2020 Wall Street Journal article noting Extraction (XOG) Oil and Gas, “funneled” more than \$10 million into political donations in the 2 years leading up to its bankruptcy, and after the 2017 Anadarko Firestone explosion event. The article and commenting noted that the donations were “aimed at quashing a movement that threatened... to force oil and gas out of the Colorado bedrock,”

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/rocky-mountain-fracker-extraction-oil-greased-the-political-skids-in-colorado-11600853402>

**Colorado Rising (CR):** Colorado Rising, in an attempt to maintain a support base, is hosting an on-line series of “Solidarity Symposiums”. Hosted and moderated by Joe Salazar. The fifth and final webinar is set for October 20, 2020. About as popular as the “Solidarity School”, these events have been averaging less than 10 people in attendance.



**Erie Community O&G Monitoring (ECOGM), Erie Protectors (EP) and Erie Action Network (EAN):** The Erie groups continue to oppose residential or urban development projects, including O&G companies that operate in the area. In doing so, Erie and Boulder anti-O&G groups are linking a Boulder Weekly article from September 17, 2020, stating “Bi-national partnership calls on the Canadian Pension Plan to divest from its Colorado Oil and Gas Holdings”, in specific reference to Crestone Peak Resources.

<https://www.boulderweekly.com/boulderganic/binational-partnership-calls-on-the-canadian-pension-plan-to-divest-from-its-colorado-oil-and-gas-holdings/>

Additional calls for divestment included a September 29, 2020 article noting that the Canadian Pension Plan broke its own internal rules by donating approximately \$600,000 to “industry-friendly political candidates and lobbyists”, through Crestone Peak Resources. As CPR resurfaces on Boulder and Erie-based activist groups, preliminary discussions have been generated for an increased opposition campaign to increase health dangers associated with “residential oil and gas development,” including participating in future CPPIB stockholders meetings.

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/09/28/cpp-breaking-its-rules-with-third-party-donations-in-u-s-environment-group-says.html>

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/article-cppibs-ownership-of-crestone-raises-questions/>

On October 1, 2020, Erie activists including Leslie Weise, Kyle Roth, Liz Fisher, Cristen Logan and Anne Lee Foster openly discussing the new setback limitations and how it will impact the Crestone Peaks pending Acme pad development, and its Boulder CDP applications. In noting that variances can be allowed as part of the increased setback procedures, Kyle Roth drew attention to the specifics of the proposed Crestone Peak Acme pad location, which sits approximately 500 feet between communities in Erie and Broomfield. As activists in both municipalities have directly opposed the development, most environmentalists have proposed the locations is a “litmus test” for SB19-181.

It is worth noting that the town of Erie had approved the Acme pad location, that Crestone Peak Resources is the land/mineral owner, and that the location has already been the subject of legal challenges which were resolved in the development’s favor; Colorado activist have noted “stay tuned.”

**North Range Concerned Citizens (NRCC)/Front Range Residents for Environment, Safety and Health (FRRESH):** Having previously noted concerns from Commerce City elected officials, and making comparisons of recent emission releases to a “cycle of abuse” claiming they felt like “a battered spouse,” Mayor Benjamin Husman continued by stating that Suncor continues to abuse the community and make excuses for its repeated mistakes.

[https://youtu.be/Pjb3LqWOcP4?fbclid=IwAR21OEO\\_-DyemChGSDePTkGSUpENLpzSc267Js-R66RVyu-NtpvTlc7BVEs](https://youtu.be/Pjb3LqWOcP4?fbclid=IwAR21OEO_-DyemChGSDePTkGSUpENLpzSc267Js-R66RVyu-NtpvTlc7BVEs)

Additionally, the calls for increased air monitoring on a continuous 24-hour (full-time) cycle, to protect people in the surrounding areas, is increasing, but is not pacifying activist's calls for the location to be closed. The Suncor location will continue to be a point of contention for activists at upcoming events, including those involving Air Quality.

**Additional Information:**

**The Climate Emergency isn't just a Crisis, It's a Crime.**

<https://www.commondreams.org/views/2020/09/21/climate-emergency-isnt-just-crisis-its-crime>

**Bayou Bridge Pipeline protest lawsuit against Energy Transfer can proceed.**

[https://www.nola.com/news/environment/article\\_05caciaa4-0358-11eb-b1a2-4303c8dedb22.html](https://www.nola.com/news/environment/article_05caciaa4-0358-11eb-b1a2-4303c8dedb22.html)

**Facebook accidentally suspends hundreds of anti-O&G activist's accounts.**

<https://www.theverge.com/2020/9/24/21454554/facebook-activists-suspended-accounts-coastal-gaslink-pipeline>

**Biden has conflicting statements on fracking, stating that he will make sure it's eliminated (2019) and "I am not banning fracking (2020).**

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2020/09/01/Biden-s-confusing-stand-on-fracking/stories/202008260066>

**40 Extinction Rebellion activists arrested after naked anti-O&G protest in Oslo.**

<https://sputniknews.com/europe/202009221080532184-40-arrested-after-naked-anti-oil-protest-in-norwegian-capital/>

**Approximately 75 participants make negative commenting to US Army Corp of Engineers, opposing Keystone XL pipeline, with only 2 people making support statements, in NEBRASKA.**

[https://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor\\_newspapers/extra/news/public-speaks-out-at-nebraska-public-hearing-on-keystone-xl-pipeline/article\\_1f1a18cc-17d9-5f4b-a7bd-16e4f02d9184.html](https://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor_newspapers/extra/news/public-speaks-out-at-nebraska-public-hearing-on-keystone-xl-pipeline/article_1f1a18cc-17d9-5f4b-a7bd-16e4f02d9184.html)