

# A Landowner's Oil and Gas Workshop

presented by the Oil & Gas Accountability Project  
and San Juan Citizens Alliance



Monday, October 1, 2007 • 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
La Plata County Fairgrounds  
2500 Main Avenue • Durango, Colorado

## Protecting your land and the Colorado Landowner's Protection Act

The purpose of the workshop is to provide landowners with information on the Colorado Landowner's Protection Act. This new law goes into effect September 1 and is hailed as one of the most powerful state laws in the nation in terms of protecting landowners' rights and the environment.

### The workshop will address the following topics:

- What does the new law do for me?
- What kinds of requirements can I now negotiate with the oil and gas company?
- Why do they want to drill for oil and gas on my land?
- What is a split-estate?
- What if a company fails to minimize their impact on my land?
- What does it mean that a company bears the burden of proof in any litigation?
- How do I negotiate with an oil and gas company?
- Is the company required to notify me in advance of drilling operations?
- Is the company required to provide me with a development plan?
- What if I disagree with the company on the location of the well pad and/or other facilities?
- What are the pros and cons of negotiating a Surface Use Agreement
- Will the company compensate me for damages?
- Rights of adjacent property owners

**Speakers and guests include:** State Representative Ellen Roberts, State Senator Jim Isgar, Gwen Lachelt – Oil & Gas Accountability Project, and Lance Astrella – oil and gas attorney.

**BACKGROUND:** The Colorado Landowner's Protection Act is a law passed by the Colorado Legislature, and signed by Governor Ritter in 2007, that puts into statute the 1997 Colorado Supreme Court Case, Gerrity vs. Magness. Before this law was passed, oil and gas companies in Colorado were not required to consider the rights of landowners before drilling nor were they required to prevent and reduce their impacts. The Oil & Gas Accountability Project, San Juan Citizens Alliance and others worked with Representative Ellen Roberts (R-Durango) and Senator Jim Isgar (D-Hesperus) to draft and promote passage of this important law.

Free and open to the public. Call OGAP for more information 970-259-3353  
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