

**An area the size of Virginia has been leased for energy development in the Rocky Mountain West between 1996 and 2007.**

**Nearly 20% of the state of Wyoming has been leased since 1996.**

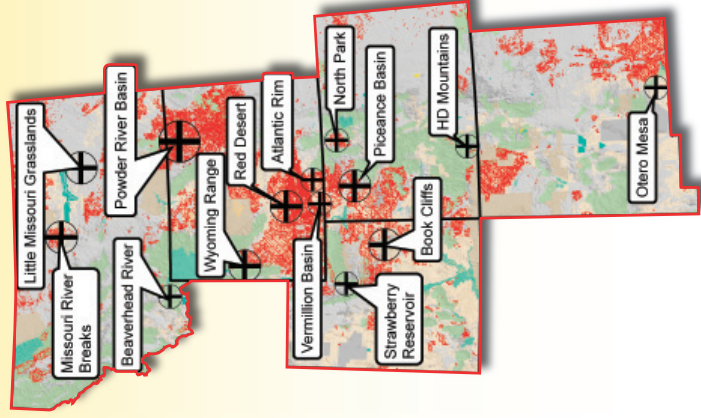
**In 2006 and 2007 alone, an area the size of Glacier National Park has been leased in Utah.**

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## ***In the Crosshairs of Energy Development***

**Sportsmen's Paradises Threatened in the Rockies**



**T**hose of us who hunt, fish and appreciate our public lands are witnessing the rapid industrialization of some of the finest hunting and fishing areas in the Rocky Mountain West. Since 1996, nearly 26 million acres of the West – and counting – have been leased for energy development. From the legendary mule deer and elk country of Wyoming's Atlantic Rim to the blue-ribbon Beaverhead River of Montana, favored sportsmen's destinations are in the crosshairs of energy production.

**Unless hunters and anglers work HARD to promote responsible energy development, we will continue to lose hunting and fishing opportunities.**

**T**he Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) is a coalition of leading hunting, fishing and conservation organizations and individual partners working together to guarantee access to places to hunt and fish, to conserve fish and wildlife habitat, and to increase funding for conservation.

The TRCP Energy Initiative is working to balance energy development with fish and wildlife and is guided by some of our partners' top biologists and experts through the **TRCP Fish, Wildlife and Energy Working Group**. By combining the science-based expertise of the working group with an active network of sportsmen, TRCP's energy team is dedicated to finding new and better ways to conserve our outdoor traditions.

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**O**il and gas development is happening in our backyards, affecting big game, upland birds and fisheries on our favorite public hunting and fishing areas. Hastily developed oil and gas fields in the Rocky Mountain West are impacting fish and game beyond their ability to be sustained.

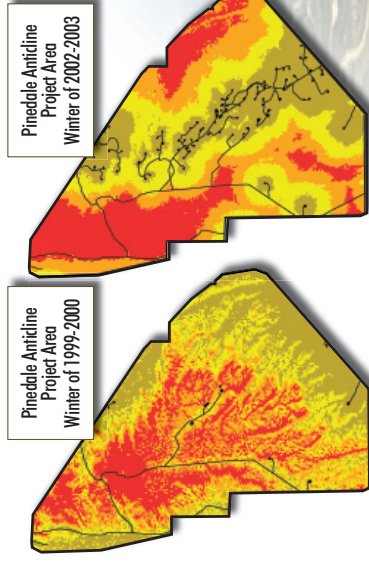
Hunters and anglers recognize the need for development of domestic sources of energy. But development needs to be done in a way that balances the needs of fish and wildlife with the need for energy. This will ensure that our public lands will always provide sportsmen with quality places to hunt and fish.

Sportsmen have fought to establish a conservation legacy of incredible public lands and fish and wildlife resources – and we must continue to apply this conservation ethic.

**To ensure future hunting and fishing opportunities on Western public lands, YOU need to get involved. Your voice, combined with the voices of thousands of other sportsmen, can guarantee that our values and outdoor traditions are maintained.**

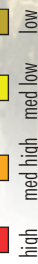


### A Changing Landscape: Mule Deer Displaced by Energy Development



Well pads and roads:

Predicted level of use by mule deer:



Mule deer are particularly sensitive to habitat fragmentation caused by energy development. While the total number of acres lost may not seem that large, deer are displaced by the web of roads, pipelines and drill pads in oil and gas fields. A recent study showed that development was a significant factor in the 46 percent drop in use of important winter range by mule deer within the Pinedale Anticline gas field in Wyoming. This impact along with others led to shorter hunting seasons and reduced the number of tags available in this once-popular hunting area.

Source: Sawyer et al., 2006, Winter Habitat Selection of Mule Deer Before and During Development of a Natural Gas Field. Journal of Wildlife Management 70:396-403.



### Work HARD for Your Outdoor Traditions

#### Support Responsible Development

**T**he Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership's (TRCP) Hunters and Anglers for Responsible Development (HARD) campaign needs your help to conserve our hunting and fishing traditions on public lands in the West. Together we can ensure that energy development is balanced with the needs of sportsmen and fish and wildlife.

#### TRCP's energy campaign . . .

- Provides the HARD data
  - Asks the HARD questions
  - Promotes the HARD solutions
- To learn more and get involved, visit [www.responsible-sportsmen.org](http://www.responsible-sportsmen.org).**



*Working to guarantee you a place to hunt and fish.*

## Help TRCP Promote Responsible Energy Development

Hunters and anglers who care about responsible energy development can make a difference. Sign up to join TRCP's HARD campaign and you will be kept up to speed on energy development issues in the areas you care about most – and what you can do about them.

To sign up online, go to

[www.responsible-sportsmen.org](http://www.responsible-sportsmen.org)

or fill out this postcard and mail it in today!



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I like to  hunt  fish  hike  camp  other on public lands in: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to donate to TRCP's HARD campaign. Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_