

# Permian Basin, SE New Mexico

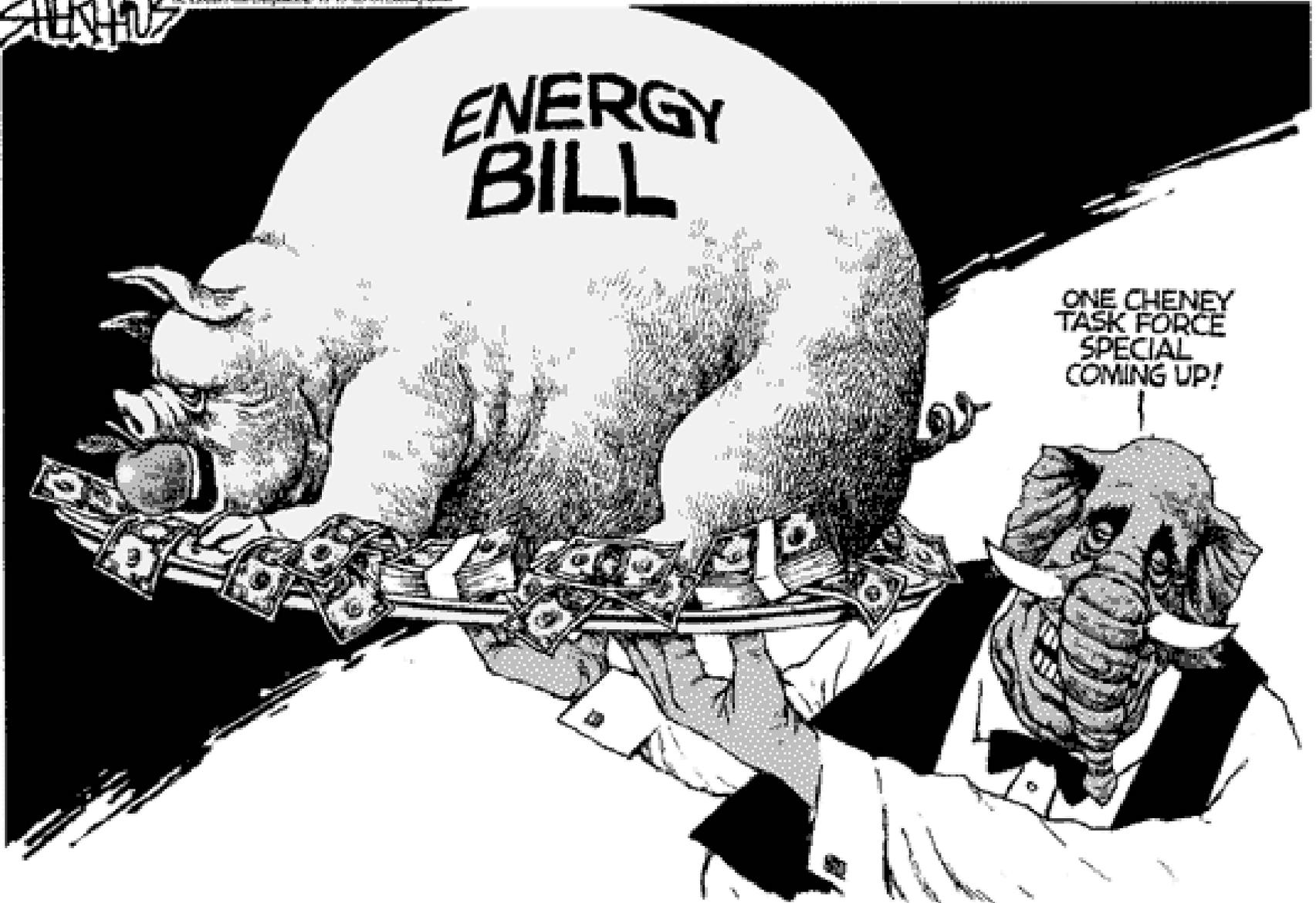


# Permian Basin, **Birds-Eye View II**



**ENERGY  
BILL**

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TASK FORCE  
SPECIAL  
COMING UP!



# Energy policy

## *Roll out the pork barrel*

The Economist, July 31 2003

*A truly ghastly bill  
that George Bush should veto,  
but probably won't*

At a time of soaring budget deficits, it might seem prudent to avoid blatant give-aways to industry. That message seems entirely lost on Congress, especially when the nation's supposed "energy crisis" is the topic of the hour.

# Renewable Energy Atlas of the West

A Guide to the Region's Resource Potential

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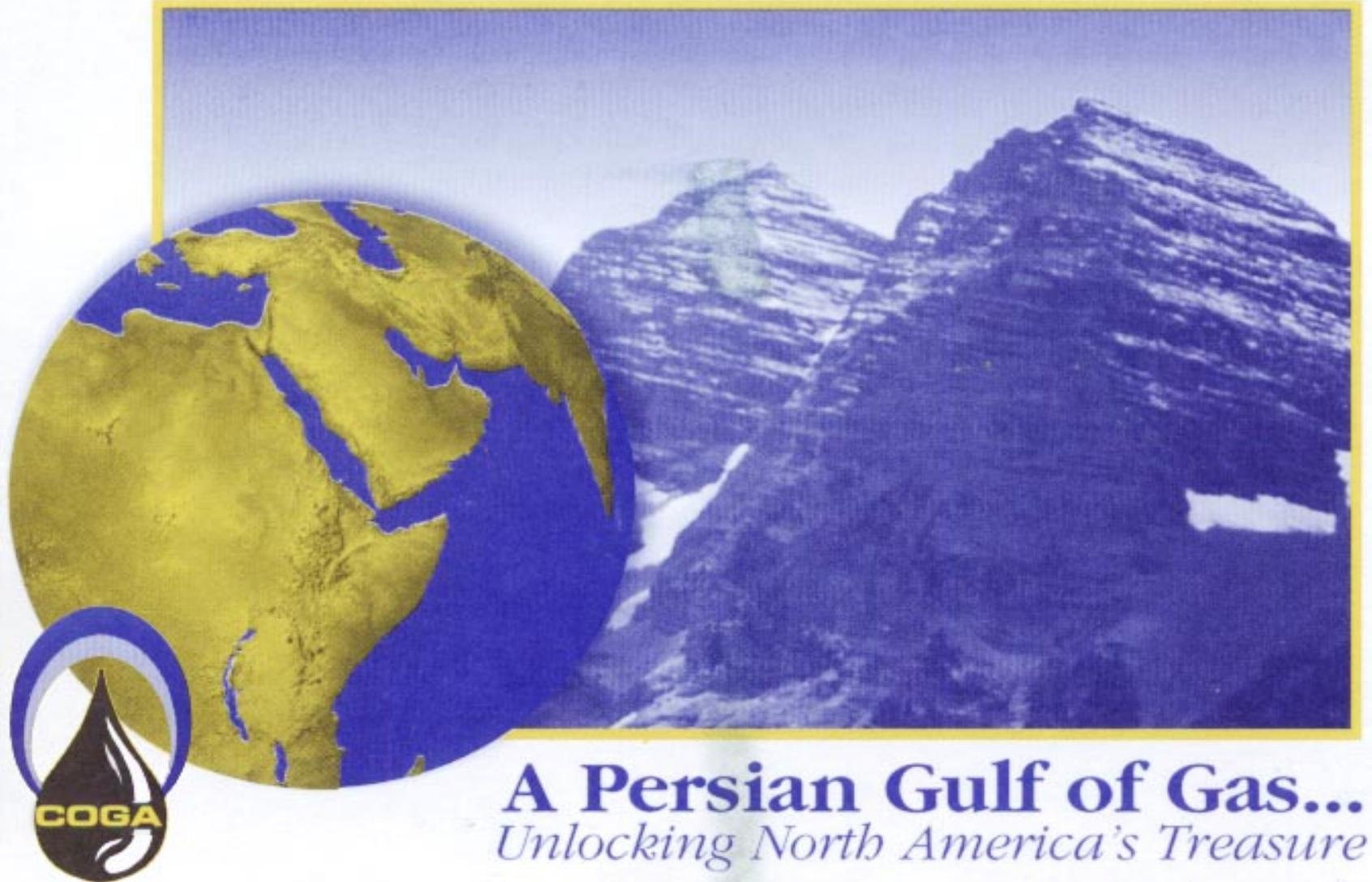
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# The Rockies:



**A Persian Gulf of Gas...**  
*Unlocking North America's Treasure*

THE DEPARTMENT OF  
THE INTERIOR SEEMS TO  
HAVE TAKEN ITS NAME  
QUITE LITERALLY.



IT'S THE LITERAL  
VERSION OF OUR  
BUDGET POLICY. —

# The Pinedale Roundup, August 14, 2003

## *Industry Should Not Stake Our Claim*

Editorial by Tim Ruland

But with efforts being made to up the number of wells (to 10,000) in the foreseeable future, we certainly shouldn't make it easy.

The County should hire a full time employee to attend BLM functions, especially the RMP meetings, and represent us where the feds won't. It should bid on and purchase gas leases. Require zoning permits for new wells. Require directional drilling and strict road development regulations. Require public notices of every well that goes up.

# ROAN PLATEAU



Cliffs of the Roan Plateau, northwest Colorado

Denver Post, February 9, 2003

Locals consider the Roan Plateau a natural asset, a part of Rifle's identity," the town wrote to the BLM. "The plateau dominates the Rifle view shed and the landform helps people identify with our city in a positive fashion. ...

The wildlife habitat and fisheries attract visitors to our area, which are vital to our economy. Generations have recreated on the plateau making this place a part of our heritage."

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# Roan Plateau from the air



80 percent of the nearby land, containing 94 percent of the area's technically recoverable oil and gas resources, already has been leased, mainly at the Plateau's base. Making the remaining pristine acres atop the plateau a further energy sacrifice zone is anathema to the people who consider the Roan their extended backyard.

# Wilderness & Wildlife, Hunting & Outfitting



Denver Post Editorial (continued):

The BLM should preserve the  
Roan Plateau for wildlife and  
recreation.

# Development crawls up Roan's Cliffs:



On the ground:





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# Compassionate Conservation



# San Juan Basin: Mesas, Traditional Cultural Properties & Sacred Sites



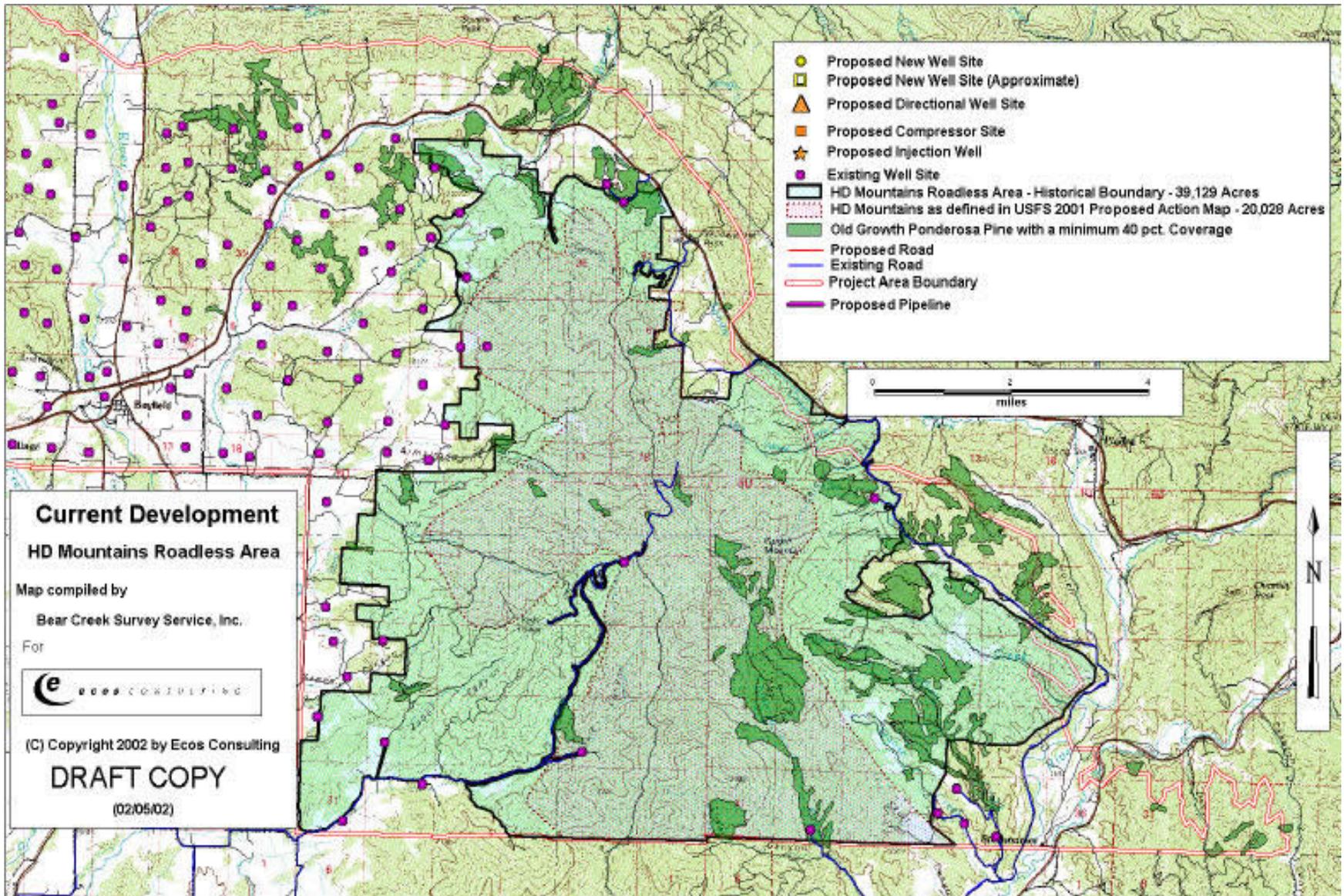
# Can conflicts be reduced?

- More pro-active public involvement efforts “as early as possible,” consistent with recent NEPA BLM directives
- Approach NEPA as a tool for better decision-making, not a “hassle”
- Better processes and listening up-front can reduce disagreements and challenges down the line

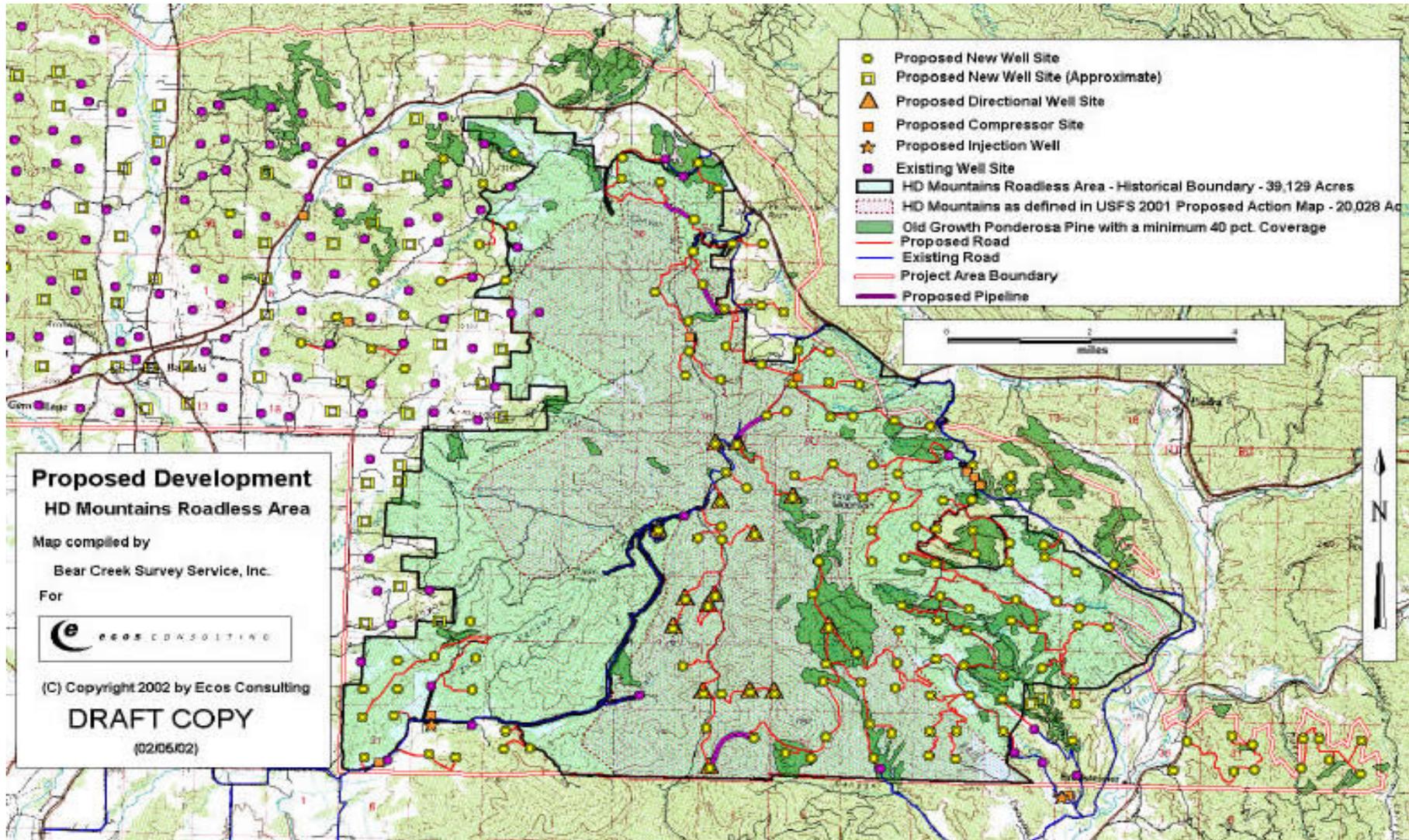
- Ranchers and landowner issues: Actual notice before leasing – its doable and it needs to be done.
- Cultural resources. Bigger block surveys in advance of site-specific APDs to guide development decisions before permit submissions. Better consultation.
- Coalbed methane: look before you leap. Pre-leasing suitability analysis in known CBM basins. Taking a hard look up-front can defuse tension down the line.

- Listen to the Governors, the Tribes, the Local Governments and others calling for balance and protection of other resources and uses.
  - Freudenthal on the Upper Green, WY
  - Richardson on Otero Mesa, NM
  - Navajo Nation on Farmington, NM
  - Three Affiliated Tribes on Little Missouri National Grassland, ND
  - Sportsmen on the Montana Front
  - Ranchers in the Powder River Basin
  - Pitkin County and Carbondale on the White River National Forest, CO
  - Garfield County and Rifle on Roan Plateau, CO
  - La Plata County on the HD Mountains, CO

# HD MOUNTAINS, SAN JUAN NATL FOREST



# HD MTNS, POTENTIAL 200 WELL PROJECT



The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is one of the most popular natural resource decisions ever.

The Forest Service should comply with the Rule.

On BLM lands, leasing and development of citizen-proposed wilderness areas will be controversial

## **Salt Lake City Tribune *Editorial* - June 3, 2004**

[T]he allocation of [mineral] leases is apparently taking place on such a piecemeal basis across Utah and the West that what the BLM is doing can scarcely be called management. The failure of BLM officials to take the big-picture view has created a situation where exploration is increasingly allowed in highly fragile areas[.]



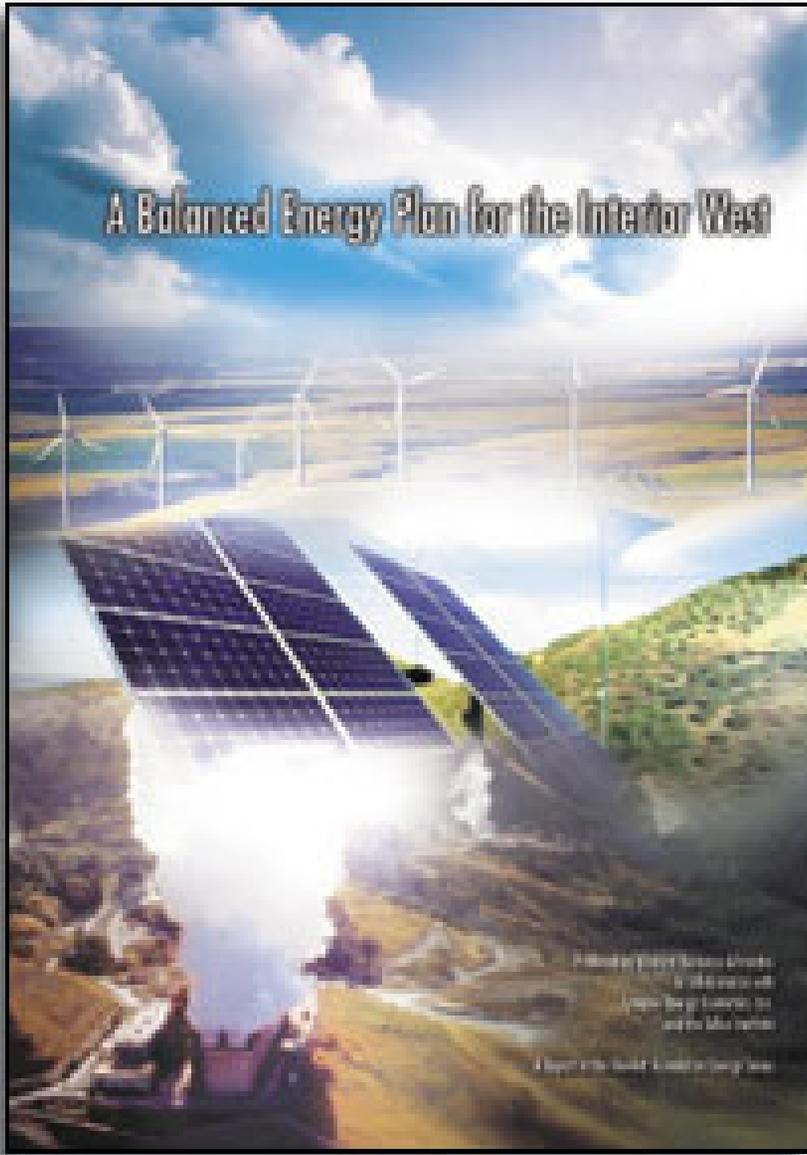
# **H.R. 3698, The Western Waters and Surface Owners Protection Act:**

- Protects water quality
- Gives surface owners a voice

*sponsored by Reps. Mark Udall (CO) and Tom Udall (NM)*

Does the Conservation community offer a positive vision for the Region's energy future?

YES.



- Western Resource Advocates' **Balanced Energy Plan** for the Interior West

## Balanced Plan versus Business as Usual:

- By 2020, **natural gas** use would decline *from 21% to 9%* of the Region's Electric Generation Mix
- **Coal** would decline *from 64% to 46%*
- **Renewables** would increase *from 3% to 21%*

