

Biden Administration Excludes Voices of Those Most Impacted by Federal Land and Water Decisions

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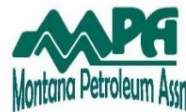
Salt Lake City, UT. – Today, several statewide natural gas and oil associations, including Utah Petroleum Association, Petroleum Association of Wyoming, Alaska Oil and Gas Association, Colorado Oil and Gas Association, Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, Montana Petroleum Association, North Dakota Petroleum Council, and West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association released the following joint statement regarding the Biden Administration’s failure to include any state-level voices in the Department of Interior’s Virtual Forum on the Federal Oil and Gas Program:

“As Associations representing the natural gas and oil industry embedded in communities across our states, we are disappointed today’s forum did not include a single state or local voice representing the hardworking men and women who produce safe, reliable and sustainable energy to fuel our lives. We speak for the people whose work, lives and livelihoods will be most impacted by President Biden’s orders regarding production on federal land. A return to centralized, command-and-control decision making in the hands of bureaucrats thousands of miles away from the people, lands, and waters where the impacts are most deeply felt is not a constructive path forward. We are hopeful the exclusion of local voices is not indicative of a pattern of disregard of our states, our people and our livelihoods.”

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