

C.A.R.D. NEWSLETTER



Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction

CARD, PO Box 143, Wellington, CO 80549, 970-372-0029 (leave message) www.nunnnglow.com

April 2010

In this newsletter...

- Fundraiser - Save the date and buy tickets
- April 15th Public Comment on Rules and Regs
- Volunteers needed to provide Food for April 30 fundraiser
- HB1348 - UPAA Passes the House - On to the Senate
- EPA Expresses Concern About Water Contamination from ISL mining in Wyoming
- This Month "April" in the History of CARD

Fundraiser - Save the date and buy tickets

P.O.W.! Protect Our Water! Fundraiser

Friday 4/30/10 – Lincoln Center, 6:30-11:00 pm.

Northern Colorado's water is at risk...from dams and reservoirs to uranium mining. Please help us protect our most precious resource...clean, healthy & abundant water.

Mark your calendar today for our PARTY to benefit both Save the Poudre and Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction. (C.A.R.D.)

Two Great Bands!

- 6:30pm Poudre River Irregulars, Exuberant New Orleans style Dixieland jazz
- 9:00pm Futaba, Jazz/funk music and winner of Scene Magazines 18th Annual "Battle of the Bands"

Silent Auction, Cash Bar and Appetizers

Get your photo taken standing in the river or as a two headed cow!

Tickets: \$20 on sale at <http://www.savethepoudre.org/fundraiser-2010-04-30.html> or at the Lincoln Center: 970 221-6730.

All ticket proceeds will be split between STP and C.A.R.D. Info: 970-631-8896

April 15th Public Comment on Rules and Regs

There will be public meeting on April 15 from 6pm - 7pm, at Embassy Suites in Loveland to get public comment on the rules created by the State Division of Reclamation and Mining Safety related to legislation HB 1161 and SB 228. These bills require that the public should know when a mining company is prospecting to do mining. The purpose of the April 15 meeting is to make public comment that the rules adhere to the spirit of these bills.

The MLRB held a Pre-Hearing Conference April 13th in preparation for the upcoming formal rulemaking hearings.

Some updates: The 4 public meetings in Loveland (April 15), Grand Junction (May 13), Salida (May 26), and Denver (June 10), will be for public comments by non-parties only.

This means that we would benefit from having a large turnout of affected landowners, local government officials, regular people, and others to show up and let the Board know their thoughts on the proposed rules at each of these meetings.

The formal hearings where argument by parties will occur will be over a 2 or 3 day span in Denver in late June or July. At that point, the Board will vote on whether to make any changes and to adopt a final rule package.

As far as public comments, individualized comments are the best, but ideas for main themes are:

- **Support for the rules as written**
- **Reject industry attempts to weaken ground water protections –the statute is clear, don't allow changes**
- **Reject industry attempts to exclude the public and local governments from the pre-mining approval process**
- **The Board should expressly provide for Board review of prospecting and baseline characterization plan approvals**

Volunteers needed to provide Food for April 30 fundraiser

Thank you C.A.R.D. members. You responded to our last newsletter and we're doing well regarding Silent Auction donations. Our next volunteer need involves Food!!!

To save money, we need you help!! We're looking for donations of appetizers and we have a whole list of yummy items including veggie or fruit trays, chicken wings, shrimp, cheese and crackers, cold cuts, tortilla wraps, meatballs, chips and guacamole or salsa, spinach artichoke dip, hummus with pita bread, cookies and brownies...or other great recipes that you would like to share.

Please help us by contacting our volunteer food coordinator, Alexis Hmielak at alexisdesign6644@gmail.com or 970 631-9022. This is a great way to support two good causes at once, so please contact her asap, so that she can plan the feast.

Thanks for your support for C.A.R.D. and please plan to join us at this fun soiree!!

Nora Dixon

HB1348 - UPAAs Passes the House - On to the Senate

After a unanimous vote in the affirmative to pass this bill out of committee, the House of Representatives passed it with a 62 yes to 2 no's. The only two no votes came from: Rep. Carole Murray (R-Castle Rock) and Rep. Larry Liston (R-Colorado Springs).

Now it is on to the Senate. Please contact your Senators and ask them to support this important bill. Here is a recent article from the Denver Post --
http://www.denverpost.com/opinion/ci_14803866?source=email

EPA Expresses Concern About Water Contamination from ISL mining in Wyoming

Remember how last month we showed you an article from 30 years ago about the "new" technology of in-situ leach mining for uranium coming to Wyoming. We asked the rhetorical question of whether or not Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality might like a "do over" on their decision to allow ISL mining operations in Wyoming.

Well, your voices are truly making a difference!!! The EPA has told the NRC to go back and study the effects of ISL mining on groundwater in Wyoming. They are concerned that the process of permitting by the NRC does not fully address the potential of water

contamination. Here is one of the articles: http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/article_489c1c0b-10cf-5007-a325-03088186a4ec.html

Keep up the great work all of you grass root "activists" who just have the simple desire for clean water.

This Month "April" in the History of CARD

It was a spring day on the 13th of April, 2007 that the founders of CARD met with Lane Douglas (the then project manager of the Powertech Centennial project) and George Robinson of R-Squared for the first time. These landowners who had recently been informed of how Powertech planned to mine for uranium on the land they called home had met a couple of times prior to this meeting and were already organizing an effort to get the word out about Powertech's plans.

In fact, the first CARD Town Hall meeting was also in April of 2007. The name CARD was not part of this organized group of landowners yet, but the www.nunnglow.com website was already up and running.

Lane and George had no idea what type of people they were meeting with and were surprised with the backgrounds of the locals. This particular group of affected landowners possessed backgrounds in Civil Engineering, Computer Science, a Botanist whose PhD. thesis was on the effects of selenium from uranium mining on plants and animals, and a Chemist who at the time worked for a local water quality testing lab.

The questions that were posed to Powertech and their group of scientists by this group of country folks have still not been answered satisfactorily enough to help us feel that their proposed ISL mining project will not contaminate the drinking water of Northern Colorado.

We Need Your Help

Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction (CARD) does not have a financial sponsor. We must rely on donations and grants to raise money to fight uranium mining.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Please donate what you can. Donations can now be tax-deductible.
- You can donate through our website: www.nunnglow.com
- Or mail a check to our fiscal agent Information Network for Responsible Mining (INFORM) PO Box 349, Lyons, CO 80540. Donations to INFORM are tax deductible.

- **Everyone in the State of Colorado has a say on whether uranium mining permitted here. Let your voice be heard! - Continue writing letters to the editor and to your elected officials telling them you are against in situ leach uranium mining.**
- **When the mining companies apply for a mining permit later this year you can appear and state your objections to uranium mining at the public hearings.**
- **Sign up for our electronic newsletter at www.nunnglow.com so we can notify you when and where to appear.**

Who Are We?

CARD (Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction) is a diverse collection of citizens concerned about the health, environmental and economic impacts of uranium-related activity.

We are convinced this project will have dire consequences for northern Colorado and set a dangerous precedent. Our goal is to prevent uranium mining in Colorado and protect our valuable resources, especially our water, for future generations.

The CARD website, www.nunnglow.com, has a wealth of information about the proposed mining, the processes and the potential impact on our air and water. On our website you can learn what you can do to stop the proposed uranium mining, sign an online petition and make a donation.