



Statement from The Mountain Pact on the BLM Elimination of the Methane Waste Prevention Rule

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Below statement is from Anna Peterson, Executive Director, The Mountain Pact:

"Today the BLM has rolled back the methane waste rule and will effectively eliminate protections against leaking, venting, and flaring of methane. By eliminating this rule, the Administration is reverting back to weak requirements that lead to extreme loss of taxpayer revenue and dangerous emissions of wasted methane. It has been found that oil and gas companies waste \$330 million worth of natural gas each year due to unregulated leaking, venting, and flaring from wells. Additionally, taxpayers are losing millions of dollars every year from this wasted natural gas.

Not only is this costing taxpayers and nearby western communities significant loss in revenue, but it is allowing the consistent leaking of dangerous emissions into the air. These methane leaks are dangerous for both our atmosphere, our changing climate, and human health."

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More about the news here:

- <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-finalizes-new-waste-prevention-rule>
- https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/Final%20Rule%20-1004-AE53%20-%20%20Ready%20for%20OFR%209.18.18_508%20%281%29.pdf

More about The Mountain Pact

[The Mountain Pact](#) is an organization that works with over fifty mountain communities in all eleven states across the American West to empower them to build resilience in the face of economic and environmental stresses through a shared voice on federal policy related to climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation.

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