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SURFACE OWNER RIGHTS TOPIC OF COUNTY SPONSORED WORKSHOPS

You're Going To Drill Where?

State Regulations vs. Surface
Owner Rights

Workshop Schedule:

June 8, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Exhibition Building
(Extension Office)
525 North 15th Ave.
Greeley

June 11, 2013

2:00 p.m.

Southwest Weld Building
4209 WCR 24.5
Longmont

June 12, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Fort Lupton Recreation Center
230 South Harrison
Fort Lupton

Workshops are scheduled
for two hours: one hour of
information followed by time
for questions and answers.

WELD COUNTY, CO – The recent change in Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) regulations regarding the setback requirements of oil and gas facilities has the potential to take thousands of acres of farmland out of production. To help surface owners understand their rights with regard to the COGCC 500' setback rule, the Board of Weld County Commissioners, along with Planning Director Tom Parko and Weld County CSU Extension Office Director Keith Maxey, will host three public workshops in the month of June.

“Agriculture is the backbone of Weld County,” said Commissioner Kirkmeyer. “It is important that farming and ranching remain strong and are allowed to thrive in our county. The information to be provided at these workshops will help make that possible.”

Topics to be covered at the workshops include:

- What are the comprehensive goals of the county?
- What is the county's perspective of setbacks?
- How much area is actually affected by the 500' setback?
- What does the 500' setback rule mean for the industry?
- What does the 500' setback rule mean for surface owners?
- What is happening with pipelines in the county?
- What conditions can you put into your agreement?
- Where can you find more information?
- How can you research your property?

“Surface owners have rights when it comes to oil and gas production,” said Commissioner Freeman. “What is convenient for the oil and gas industry may not be convenient for the agricultural producer. Surface owners need to know what rights they have, and how to enforce those rights, when it comes to the location of oil and gas facilities.”

Each workshop will last approximately two hours and will allow time for questions and answers. For more information, please visit www.weldgov.com.

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