

Dear PBPA Friend:

I write to provide information on a public rally and public hearing scheduled for later this month in Midland, and I respectfully appeal for your attendance at both.

The issue at hand is the proposal by the Obama Administration to list as federally endangered the “Dunes Sagebrush Lizard,” or sand dune lizard. Critics believe this proposal is an entirely politically motivated move to hurt the energy industry in America. Regardless, the listing of the sand dune lizard under the federal Endangered Species Act could devastate oil and gas production in the Permian Basin for at least two years. Production in the following counties would be among the worst impacted: Gaines, Andrews, Ward, Winkler and Crane in Texas, and Lea, Chaves, Eddy and Otero in New Mexico.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association will hold a public rally in downtown Midland at Centennial Plaza at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, to educate folks about the issue and generate enthusiasm for opposition to this proposed listing. Please attend and bring everyone in your office whose jobs could be threatened by the potential eradication of oil and gas production in the above-named counties.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a public information session and public hearing on the matter on Wednesday, April 27, at the Midland Center. The public information session will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and more importantly, the public hearing will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at which time speakers may provide two minutes of public testimony.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will also hold identical meetings the following day, Thursday, April 28, in Roswell, New Mexico.

In the coming days, the PBPA will be advising you more specifically on the actions it has taken and is taking to defeat this effort.

It, frankly, is unbelievable to me that in a time when America is fighting at least two wars in the Middle East, offshore drilling in America has been severely diminished in the wake of the BP oil spill last year, the price of a barrel of WTI hovers at more than \$110 and the price of a gallon of gas is close to \$4 in some states, and the recession is still in full bloom, the federal government would propose such an act.

I thank you in advance of your support of our efforts to defeat this effort to hurt the energy industry and I look forward to your joining us to help achieve that goal.

Please mark your calendars for April 26 and 27 for these sand dune lizard events. Please also consider attending the Roswell meeting as well. Let's help show the federal government that American jobs are an endangered species, too.

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