

PRESS RELEASE

The State of Wyoming Monday released an ozone advisory for the Upper Green River Basin in Sublette County. Sublette County this year has already experienced three 8-hour average exceedances (2 at the Boulder monitor and 1 at the Wyoming Range monitor). On Tuesday, March 1, 2011, the Boulder monitor read an hourly average of 109ppb at around 4pm. Almost certainly, today will be another day with 8-hour average exceedances. This area has had ozone exceedances nearly every year since 2005 when the monitors were installed. Despite efforts to avert these events, it has yet to be put under control. The pollution in our air is not just hindering our views. It poses serious health risks, especially to infants, children, asthmatics and senior citizens! Citizens' United for Responsible Energy Development continues to be concerned about the potential health risks to Sublette County citizens and workers who are being exposed to elevated ambient ozone and other air pollutants. For protection of health of humans the World Health Organization recommends an ozone level of 51 ppb.

The state of Wyoming, federal government, and gas companies are sacrificing locals' long-term health for short-term profit. The time has come to reconsider voluntary measures and temporary band-aids. Winter drilling is killing our wildlife and harming our friends and families and should be stopped. Operators using rigs that do not have catalytic converters are requested to stack these rigs until this ozone season is over. Citizens United for Responsible Energy Development (CURED).