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To be perfectly honest, the Battlement Mesa HIA is no surprise to me. I have lived in Silt for 15 years. I have witnessed and am living the impacts of natural gas drilling.

The air in Parachute stinks. Everyone talks about the brown cloud as you view westward from New Castle/Silt. From the Flattops the brown cloud is clearly visible. Pollution. The brown cloud wasn't there 15 years ago or even 10 years ago. I have chronic conjunctivitis. Some days it's so bad my eyes water constantly when I'm outdoors. I cough. Everyone I know has a cough, or allergies, or asthma.

In Silt, our water isn't safe to drink anymore – from the Colorado River. Silt will be digging new wells for our water supply. Silt taxpayers pay for that. Not the energy companies. Even though it's pollution in Divide Creek from Encana wells up on West Divide Creek that has invaded the Colorado River.

In 1996, Silt, Colorado boasted an average of 323 sunny days per year. By 2010, the average sunny days in Silt dropped to 238. That's not climate change. That's air pollution.

We are sacrificing so much more than our public lands, air & water quality. We are sacrificing our quality of life.

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