ENERGY/MINERAL EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION

Energy and mineral exploration and extraction has many harmful impacts including pipeline installation, the creation of roads and utility corridors in roadless areas, and transportation of toxic materials.

These activities negatively affect water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and the natural quiet of the lands.

- Designated Wilderness, Wildlife Refuges, Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, roadless areas; areas with wild, pristine character and wilderness qualities; and critical wildlife habitat and corridors must be protected from the impacts of energy and mining activities.*

- Energy and mining activities should not be allowed in future designations of protected lands.

- Great Old Broads advocates for reducing the demand for fossil fuels through conservation and sustainable alternative energy sources.

* We recognize in some cases, designation language specifically allows such activities.