

	Comments
	Oil and Gas
1	good as is.
2	<p>The problems with oil and gas development seem to be mostly related to very poor management by the DNR. Rather than trying to become competent and lead the way, the DNR has chosen to be combative and improperly restrict the lawful development of resources. Per the "Pigeon River Natural River Plan" by the DNR as revised March 12, 2002, the "A) Goal, 1) Key Value" follows.</p> <p>"It is department policy that State Forest Management Units consider all forest resource values. These include commercial as well as environmental, natural and recreational values. The department shall manage these unites to yield a combination of products, services and other values to meet the needs of both present and future generations. All important products of the forest shall be given fair and equitable consideration."</p> <p>While official policy may be to provide balance, this document stands in contradiction. These rules are simply an obvious attempt to restrict and control development for the purpose of gaining land, money, and bureaucratic power. By making it expensive and time consuming to develop legal natural resources, the DNR is trying to drive out more land owners. In so doing</p> <p>A reasonable policy would be to fund research grants on environmentally natural resource development and management so as</p>
3	Please see my comments below
4	I believe that within safe ecological bounds oil and gas extraction is desirable
5	You take for yourselves (that is, what you believe in) but you should allow others the use of their mineral rights to further what they believe in.
6	I am not well informed in regards to the proposed drilling within the PRC However heard that there were 17 proposed wells in the Blue Lakes tract. My opinion is this many wells would totally destroy the area. Look at the area around Old State Road in southern Otsego county, chopped up with well sites and pipelines. The PRC truly is a unique and beautiful area and should not be disturbed any further by oil and gas exploration. I want my children to be able to enjoy this treasure as much as I have, Merit Energy go away!
7	I wish to specifically address the right of private property owners to develop the minerals given to them by the ownership of their mineral rights. This has been recently denied to Golden Lotus (Song of the Morning) in Vanderbilt, MI. I feel this is arbitrary and unfair. This is an American right
8	There should also be no allowment for drilling and installing oil or gas rigs these have popped up throughout northern michigan most I see are not even in operation they de-beautify the natural landscape and cause noise pollution when they doo run. Once you permit the oil or gas you will have more roadways going to them that means deforestation to a degree there is too much of this happening in Michigan today.
9	I am against any more oil exploration and more roads in the forest. Why do you allow this?
10	The oil industry seems to have been controlled quite well. The trucks can be a nuisance, but necessary I understand.
11	<p>Trying to stop gas and oil drilling on the propey like Golden Lotus,inc and the general harassment over the years by the DNR is a violation of Constitutional Rights And having gone to meetings where your people (i.e Trout unlimited) have just laughed at the topic reveals your disrespect or employees who are power driven.</p> <p>You may consider employees that are more in tune with the public and caring of peoples rights. There is more to life than being a hunter.</p>

12	Golden Lotus has ownership of the land, and the mineral rights (including gas and oil). With this legal understanding, the decision should be simple. However, Golden Lotus has experienced consistent harrassment, and a blantant violation of our consitutional rights in regards to land ownership. While engaged in meetings with those associated with trout unlimited, Golden Lotus has experienced nothing but disrespect and childish behavior.
13	I do not want to see oil & gas wells in this area.
14	2)□The Pigeon River Country Association, at its annual meeting, voted almost unanimously in favor of denying easements across state land in the PRC that would be used for oil and gas development. The suggested language is: â€œEasements within the PRC should not be given to allow extraction and/or transport of minerals from private lands.â€œ□ This also means changing the third paragraph on p. 27 of the Utilities, Alternative energy, Sand & Gravel, and Landfills section.
15	1)◦The continual reference to â€œannexed landsâ€œ□ is confusing since there does not appear to be a formal definition of this area, either here or on the map. I would suggest that they should be marked on the map on p. 3, perhaps with diagonal lines or a distinct color. They should also be clearly defined in the text accompanying the map. 2)□The Pigeon River Country Association, at its annual meeting, voted almost unanimously in favor of denying easements across state land in the PRC that would be used for oil and gas development. I would suggest language like â€œEasements within the PRC should not be given to allow extraction and/or transport of minerals from private lands.â€œ□ This also means changing the third paragraph on p. 27 of the Utilities, Alternative energy, Sand & Gravel, and Landfills section.
16	page 27 para 1 what about utility lines already in existance? Will the DNR pay to bury these? Is this what you meant? or were you talking about existing utilities? page 27 para 2 if you are going to mention a dnr procudure then explain it briefly and put it in the appendix. page 27 para 3 do you want to be more general? You mention oil pipelines, what about gas pipelines and can you really say this if new wells go in? para 4 consider ORV stoppers on pipelines like stump barriers or ORV restoration on existing trouble sites. page 27 last para last sentence after "needed" add "to" page 28 para 1 what about invasives coming in on gravel from elsewhere? para 4 processing means what? Digging? Crushing? Sorting? para 5 plans developed by whom? enforced by whom? Para 6 there is a wording conflict in the second sentence the dumps are either existising or closed. What about transfer stations dumpsters? Is it OK for me to have dumpster placed on state land for my cabin property? page 29 para one is Kammer correct? para two what does mature phase of production mean? page 30 para 1 what about new wells? para 4 are you sure you want pipelines dug up in all cases? This could cause a trem page 31 really need maps here. What is the spacing of wells? one per 80? The last bullet points were hard to follow without page 32 require project plan map up front and require they show the maximum production scenerio. Have language to keep th
17	Agree as outlined in the Draft.
18	I think gas drilling should be permitted on private land within the forest system. we are to dependent on inported gas and oil and should develope our own supply in this country.
19	If they can extract it cleanly, why not??? However, limit the wells proximity to water. If it can make money for the DNR/state forests I am in favor of it.