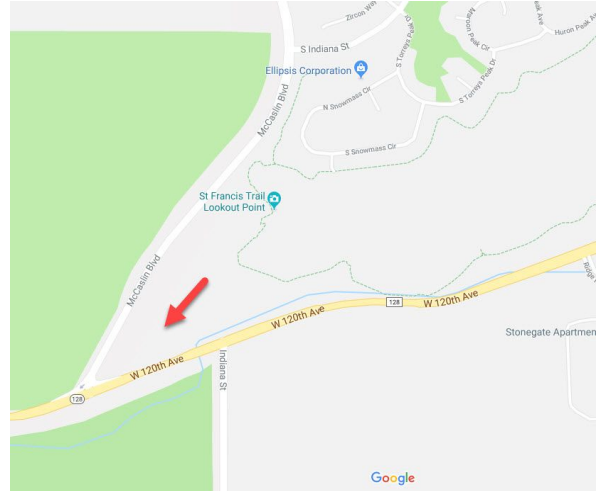


# Highlands Natural Resources

## Proposed Oil & Gas Drilling in Superior: Fact Sheet

On Monday November 5, Highlands Natural Resources submitted an application for a multi-well oil and gas facility at the intersection of Highway 128 and McCaslin Blvd. This land is within the Town of Superior, but is part of Jefferson County. The land is privately owned by Century Link (formerly Level 3 Communications).

The proposed production facility is only 1450 feet (0.29 miles) from the nearest home on Snowmass Circle and only a few steps away from the social trails our residents enjoy every day. It is also only 0.65 miles away from Eldorado K-8 School, and 0.91 miles away from the South Pool. Finally, the site is just 308 feet away from the Town of Superior's 500,000 gallon potable water tank.



A total of 31 wells, 31 oil tanks and 31 water tanks are planned across the 7.1 acre site. According to the application, construction is planned to commence on December 17, 2018 with reclamation to start on June 17, 2019.

The application indicates that the current and future land use is indicated as rangeland - which is a misrepresentation of the land. This location has commanding views in all directions, and can also be seen for miles. It is common to see people pulled on the side of the road watching the sunset and taking photographs, and it is a popular viewing spot for Independence Day fireworks. The poor quality photographs submitted by the applicant look remote and uninteresting, but this could not be further from reality - this land has been a high priority target for acquisition as Open Space for over a decade, and the Town has consistently defined Open Space as land for habitat conservation, view preservation, and recreational trails.

Highlands is a publicly traded company that is highly financially leveraged (meaning they have no more money to invest) and has experienced losses of \$5M and \$3.5M in Fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. If anything goes wrong with this project, Highlands may not have the resources to correct it. Of especially interesting note, it seems that Highlands couldn't support its own initiatives in East Denver and had to sell their facility to a 3rd party. Can we expect them to fall short if they are allowed to drill here too?

Of the 159 comments submitted thus far on the application, only two are in favor.

## Here's what you can do:

1. Tell five of your friends about this, and encourage them to get involved. The more voices we have coming out against this, the better!
2. Submit a public comment to COGCC:  
[https://cogcc.state.co.us/publicComment/?doc\\_num=401807551](https://cogcc.state.co.us/publicComment/?doc_num=401807551)
3. Attend Town of Superior special work session (November 12, 2018 - 5:30pm)
4. Attend Broomfield City council meeting (November 13, 2018 - 6:00pm) - Broomfield Memo available online:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eAa1MODSMOYTGh7V7I3lGeAfcuu7HeK7/view>
5. Contact the project manager at Highlands Natural Resources, Eric Anderson - [eric.anderson@highlandsnr.com](mailto:eric.anderson@highlandsnr.com), 303-798-0356
6. Contact the CEO of CenturyLink, Jeff Storey - [Jeff.storey@centurylink.com](mailto:Jeff.storey@centurylink.com)
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8. Contact Denver 9News - <https://www.9news.com/contact-us> / [kyle.clark@9news.com](mailto:kyle.clark@9news.com)
9. Join the Safe Superior Facebook group - [www.facebook.com/groups/284458288844938/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/284458288844938/)

One of our best options for recourse is getting as many people as possible to voice their objections to this proposal, and encourage Highlands to drill in a less sensitive location. Please, speak up and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so as well!

Questions / concerns / something to add to this fact sheet?

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