

A Line in the Sand: Weld County & Boulder County

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As a resident of Weld County, I can tell you that there are sometimes stark contrasts between Weld and Boulder Counties. Although neighbors, the two counties have very different views – and I do not mean of the mountains.

One of the ramifications of S.B. 181 is increased local control, allowing Colorado cities and counties more control over drilling operations through local zoning ordinances and land use regulations. Hence, a line in the sand is beginning to be drawn between Boulder and Weld Counties...

On May 1, 2019, the Weld County Board of Commissioners (“Weld County Commissioners”) issued a press release entitled, “Local Control Focus of Board Action,” which can be found [here](#). During the hearing that same day, the Weld County Commissioners [reportedly](#) started the process to give the Weld County government control over oil and gas permitting by “formally designat[ing] all of unincorporated Weld County as being under the purview of county government as it relates to mineral resources – particularly oil and gas.”

The press release follows the “Open Letter from the County Commissioners” from April 16, 2019, the same day that S.B. 181 was signed by Governor Polis, expressing Weld County’s understanding of the value of Colorado’s oil and gas industry, which can be found [here](#).

The proposed designation is set for public hearing on June 10, 2019, during which time the Weld County Commissioners will act on the same. Per the [press release](#), public comment and participation is encouraged at the hearing.

It is clear that lines are being drawn...stay tuned as more develops!

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