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**Wood Burners -Monsters or Myth**

So now- The all powerful DHCR has declared war on outdoor wood burners, at a time when the state is besieged with the massive onslaught of natural gas drilling. What gives the DNRC the right to set the efficiency of a wood burning stove? Do you have the right to own a Hummer at 10 mpg or drive a hybrid automobile at 50 mpg – the rights are the same (Principle). Which is more polluting?? One would think of a better way to waste our tax dollars and blow money into the air as smoke. Could there be a top official in DNCR who lives next to one of these “monsters”

Let us look at the facts as to who is the real “monster” versus the self created god called DNCR. We must ask ourselves as to the rights of the free citizens of the Commonwealth by which we are almost extinct.

The first of each year– DNCR sprays thousands of acres of State forests land with life killing herbicides. In its affect millions of native trees, flowers, plants and other things like reptiles are killed or malformed when born without legs or born with two heads!!! DNRC only want “desirable species” to make big bucks in their future timber sales. The results are loss of habitat for all wildlife in all forms. Then the loss of bees, butterflies and every other insect that are beneficial to our environment. That’s ok- they are the “keepers of our forests.” Let me tell you of a true side effect that took place a few years ago, a friend brought me a “lizard” to inspect, they ask me what kind it was, I was shocked, it was not a lizard but, a full grown green headed frog. It had no front legs at all and so there for they thought it was a lizard. Where did it come from do you ask well it came from one of our prestige places in our state Lyman Run State Park where the spring runs next to the beach?

This so called lizard frog indicated that some kind of herbicides had been sprayed in the area near the water and had gotten into said water causing this change to this so called lizard frog. If this spraying can do this to our frog and kill bees and other things what is it doing to humans????? Is this causing Autism in our children or mental retardation or birth defects where our children are born without arms or legs or worse yet????? How do we know what it is doing to use with the increase in Alzheimer’s in our elderly or our children with cleft palates, we don’t know what any of this is doing. What about the mass amount of people that drink the water and who live near the Susquehanna River basin and Chesapeake Bay area. Well DNRA says it ok-RIGHT RIGHT.

## Wood burners-Monsters or Myths

Years ago our highway department, and at that time Forest and Water conservation had a excellent program for spraying along road ways with a mixture of 2-4-D dioxin and 2-4-5-T trioxcin – which they sprayed all state highways for years. I demanded a stop to the spraying of my property and chemical composition information of same. They said that when it was applied to property and done properly it was safe to use. “Years later in was given the name Agent Orange”. This chemical defoligent was used in “Vietnam” causing the death and other cancerous lesions of thousands of or soldiers.

It is known as one of the highest cancer causing agents ever manufactured. Well, what will the long term affect of the herbicide now in use. Will the answer lay 20 years down the road and we won't know until then that we created mutant reptiles or GOD knows what else! But you think **WOOD BURNERS** are dangerous????

I own 100 acres of land of which 40 acres are primary “Ash Timber.” Which was once worth thousands of dollars, now with the emerald ash borer at our doorstep –DNCR has quarantine dozens of counties but how can you quarantine a flying insect? My ash timber has turned in trash timber and DNCR says I cannot burn it in my wood burner because I would make too much “Smoke” or if my chimney is not high enough from another resident. What have they done for us the citizens' of this state when millions and millions of ash trees are rotting, or when the elm and chestnut are rotting and being destroyed each and every year. It's happened in other states like Michigan, Ohio and Indiana and what are they doing about it problem nothing or putting collection boxes out or quarantine notice what does that do?

What about spraying lime on the parameter of the trees or an injection of insect killer into the trees or Better yet why were the people that did these things not get fined?? They received no fines or slaps on the wrist or anything thanks to our Government.

AGAIN I ASK YOU WHO IS THE MONSTER HERE my wood burner or DNRC or the culprits that introduced Agent Orange so why take away or get rid of something that is so important to all of us????

I live under under a “Jet fly way” Thousands of plans fly over my house each and every day, but if you took the toxin and pollutions from just one of those jets just one, which has so much non biodegradable pollutions in it then my wood burner would have in 45 to 60 years.

So again I say WHO IS THE MONSTERS HERE surly not my wood burner “smoke” is Biodegradable!!!!

## **Wood Burners-monsters or myths**

**There are billions of dollars being spent by "Big Gas" in drilling barrage that has trampled all of the rules into the ground by the big bucks –the almighty dollar to feed our defunct economy of this state – where the DNCR has turned a blind eye to any infractions of the law.**

**The Soil and Water Conservation Corp., which has been removed from any involvement in the colossal ecological disruption that has to do with the water or soil from any gas drilling or fracking done in and around the state and has been replaced by the DNCR and EPA and makes up its own rules as they go along for the good of their own companies. Then they denounce any politicians or citizen that speaks out against them and their almighty dollar.**

**I have spent 28 years and thousands of my own money to procure industry to come to Potter County. I have heard it all don't make industry to big, don't pollute, pay minimum wage. I want to see people get a good job, a future, decent living and enhance their lives.**

**I am not in favor of destruction of our water supply, forest land, and natural beauty for the sake of generation to come in the name of "energy." It is not energy – it is the rape of Pennsylvania by the big Gas and Oil companies**

**Big Oil started the recession of this county- What will Big Gas does? Look around, now big oil is buying out big gas. If a private citizen, contractor, farmer, or logger, etc preformed this type of earth moving / excavation they would be fined and put in jail by DNCR. It's about "Big Money"- billions, trillions over the next 30 years.**

**Over 20000 wells to be drilled-over billions of gallons of toxic waste to be pumped into the grounds-some radioactive so what is this doing to our soil, and water? What will there be left after they get done? Everything that is being done is because of greed and the need for energy independence which we need but, not the destruction of our lands or water or our rights to burn wood or not to burn wood.**

**People have been burning wood since the beginning of time so why should we have to give up our rights now??????**

**So in conclusion, who are the Monsters here? The normal citizen that burn wood or the greedy DNCR that want to destroy our waters and soil for the almighty dollars and take away our rights to burn wood in our homes to stay warm in the winter or make us pay big money for gas. This will cause economic heard ships for people that cannot afford alternative fuels. Common sense rules should be implemented. The proposed rules by DNCR are designed to eliminate all outside wood burners.**

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