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### **Oil and Gas Issues Public Meetings RESCHEDULED in Hettinger and Lemmon *Protecting Your Land and Your Rights***

The public meeting in Hettinger on oil and gas development issues has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room in the Adams County Courthouse. The meeting in Lemmon, SD, will be at 2:00 p.m. the same day at the American Legion Meeting Room.

Communities along the border are seeing impacts from the rapid oil boom in western North Dakota. North Dakota rancher Donny Nelson will talk about what is going on in the Bakken and what people and communities should know and can do to prepare.

Participants will hear about how oil and gas development might affect land, water, and communities, learn about surface owner rights, and discuss how to reduce social and economic problems that can come with poorly planned or too-rapid development.

“Recent events have shown that landowners and mineral owners can never be too well prepared for an oil boom,” said Nelson, a farmer-rancher and mineral owner near Keene, ND, and chair of Dakota Resource Council’s Oil and Gas Task Force.

Everyone is welcome at the meetings, and lunch will be provided.

The public meetings are sponsored by the Dakota Resource Council, Western Plains Action Group of Dakota Rural Action, and the Western Organization of Resource Councils.

The meetings, originally scheduled in late February, were postponed because of potential bad weather.