



Red Rock Pictures Presents SPLIT ESTATE

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Dear Friends,

I am writing because I really need your help and time is of the essence.

Three years ago in August I made my first trip up to Garfield County, Colorado to document what was happening in the wake of the oil and gas drilling boom in the Rocky Mountain West.

Now, my documentary film [Split Estate](#) is finished and we've just been presented with two undreamt of opportunities. Funds, however, are needed immediately to take advantage of these invitations. Both will bring this important story to a national audience.

First, we have just signed a contract for a national television broadcast (to be announced soon), and second, *Split Estate* has been selected to participate in [DocuWeeks 2009](#), hosted by the International Documentary Association. This prestigious honor will give our film its premiere in a 7-day theatrical run in both New York City and Los Angeles, August 7 - 13, and qualify it for the Academy Awards.

Financial support is needed to pay for the remaining licensing fees, the technical work that is required to deliver the film for the television broadcast and the masters needed to participate in DocuWeeks. To be clear, if we cannot raise the funds in time we cannot participate in these extraordinary opportunities, events that will bring this critical issue and *Split Estate* to a national audience.

I've exhausted my own resources to get the film to this point and I literally cannot continue without your help. Thanks to the generosity of individuals and foundations we have raised nearly a quarter of the \$35K we need over the next few weeks — much of which is due by the end of this month.

Please take a moment and watch the [trailer](#). If you find the work moving, consider assisting me with whatever amount you can. \$10.00, \$100.00, or \$1,000...No amount is too small and will be deeply appreciated.

I thank all of you who told your stories, opened your homes, provided financial and emotional support along the way, and generously donated your time to the making of the film. *Split Estate* has truly been a community project.

Deb Anderson and the team at Red Rock Pictures

There are many organizations across the nation working to protect rural and urban communities from the impacts of oil and gas development. Check out [resources](#) in your state and/or bio-region.



Learn more about the [screenings](#) in Los Angeles and York.

Visit the [Split Estate website](#).

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"'Split Estate' is an eye-opening examination of the consequences and conflicts that can arise between surface land owners in the western United States, and those who own and extract the energy and mineral rights below. This film is of value to anyone wrestling with rational, sustainable energy policy while preserving the priceless elements of cultural heritage, private enterprise above-ground, and the precious health not only of people but the land itself."

Bill Richardson, Governor of New Mexico