

**WV SURFACE OWNERS' RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, THE WV HIGHLANDS
CONSERVANCY AND THE WV RIVERS COALITION HOST PRE-THEATRICAL
PREMIERE OF GASLAND AND LIVE APPEARANCE BY SUNDANCE FESTIVAL
WINNING DIRECTOR JOSH FOX**

Buckhannon, WV - One of 20 Communities Chosen to Host an Evening of Awareness Raising and
Action Against Unregulated Gas Drilling

(Buckhannon, WV) On August 22nd at 3:30p.m., the WV Surface Owners' Rights Organization, the WV Highlands Conservancy and the WV Rivers Coalition will take part in Josh Fox's exclusive 20-stop tour of across the United States in a run-up to the September theatrical premiere of his new film Gasland, winner of this year's Sundance Special Jury Prize.

WV Surface Owners' Rights Organization, WV Highlands Conservancy and WV Rivers Coalition, all organizations actively working for better regulations surrounding the issue of gas exploration in West Virginia, are organizing the screening event, which will take place at the West Virginia Wesleyan College Performing Arts Center (PAC) on College Ave. on Sunday August 22 at 3:30pm. The PAC is located on College Ave off Rt 20 south of Buckhannon - Turn onto College Ave. across from McDonalds and continue to WWC campus.

The purpose of this event will be to raise awareness about the potential impacts of this type of natural gas drilling on public health and the environment. Filmmaker Josh Fox will be available for a question and answer session immediately following the screening.

GASLAND tells the story of the effects of the largest domestic natural gas drilling boom in history that is sweeping across the United States. The newest drilling technology of "fracking" or hydraulic fracturing has unlocked a "Saudi Arabia of natural gas" just beneath us. But is fracking safe? When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey uncovering a trail of secrets, lies and contamination. Drilling around a nearby Pennsylvania town prompted reports that residents are able to light their drinking water on fire. This is just one of the many absurd and astonishing revelations of a new country called GASLAND.

This event is open to the public and donations will be accepted to help defray event expenses. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP to ahussion@wvrivers.org or (304) 637-7201. Please visit <http://www.gaslandthemovie.com> for details about the tour.

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