

Environmental group intends to sue over Monterey County 'fracking'

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An [environmental](#) group has started federal litigation alleging that an oil and gas exploration process used in Monterey County called “fracking,” threatens endangered species including the California condor.

A formal “notice of intent to sue,” a 60-day requirement as a prelude to a lawsuit, was filed against the Bureau of Land Management on Wednesday, said the Center for Biological Diversity.

The [Tucson](#), Ariz.,-based group said the process would damage wildlife habitat under the Endangered Species Act. Fracking injects high-pressure fluids under ground to break rock and free petroleum deposits.