Shale Gas Extraction

Allegheny College was approached before the fall 2012 semester to consider pursuing the development of natural gas under its Bousson Experimental Forest—283 acre forest where faculty and students conduct research. Currently Allegheny College's final decision is to make is whether or not to allow seismic testing on Bousson property, which is a completely different process than shale gas extraction. While there is no proposal yet from a gas exploration company for shale gas extraction, the College is already working to address the issue of Bousson property; 1) to have Bousson property dedicated to Bousson property with drilling activity on the property; 2) to have Bousson property with Bousson property but with no drilling activity on the property; in this case drilling activity would be both by Bousson property (i.e., no agreement for any drilling on or beneath the property). Please check out the Bousson Advisory Group website for more information at: http://sites.allegheny.edu/boussonadvisorygroup/

Based on what you know thus far, how do you view the development of Utica Shale Gas (hydraulic fracturing/hydraulic fracturing) on Allegheny's Bousson Property?

I do not care. It does not effect me 45 10%
I want to learn more before I decide 112 24%
I don't want it to happen 181 38%
If we do it right, I support it 91 19%
Let's go ahead and do it 23 5%
Other 21 4%

Please identify your interest in this topic.

1 2 3 4 5

Not Interested Extremely Interested

Most information I get on the topic comes from:

Word of mouth 328 72%
Allegheny’s Bousson Advisory Group website 120 30%
Student groups/organizations 224 49%
State/federal government websites 94 21%
Local news media 100 22%
National news media 109 24%
Other 83 19%

People may select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add up to more than 100%.

3. What topics related to deep shale exploration would you like to receive more information about?

Environmental Questions 292 74%
Allegheny’s Reputation 195 49%
Potential Teaching and Learning Effects for Research on Bousson 151 38%
Economic Questions 182 49%
Other 52 13%

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If no natural gas, then use what - what would fit?
- alternatives?