

We work with our neighbors on projects and programs to preserve the landscape and protect wildlife habitat.

Land Stewardship

CARING FOR THE LAND

Oil and natural gas are produced from deep underground using industrial processes that begin and end at ground level. We take great care to minimize the surface disturbance we make and restore the land to its natural condition when our work is done. In keeping with our values, this is simply the right thing to do.

Lizards are neighbors, too

In the process of caring for the land, we often see opportunities to work with our neighbors to do even more. One example of this is in west Texas and southeast New Mexico, where we have taken a proactive role in conserving the habitat of the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard, which a few years ago was being considered for listing under the Endangered Species Act. Devon's work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management helped the federal government to conclude that the lizard is not endangered.

We worked with the government to enroll federal and private lands into conservation agreements, under which companies pledged to avoid development in certain areas where the lizards dwell and to reclaim habitat that may have been affected by oil and gas activity in the past.

We continue to work with state and federal agencies to address land conservation and habitat protection questions, long before any species might be considered threatened or endangered.

For the trees

In Canada, we're careful to minimize our surface disturbance in the boreal forest. When we clear trees to make temporary access roads, the trees become mulch to create the roads. This substantially reduces the size of the right-of-way and conserves plant and wildlife habitat.

In Wyoming, we facilitate annual habitat reclamation projects through longstanding relationships with the University of Wyoming Conservation Corps and U.S. Bureau of Land Management. We've built wildlife-friendly fencing on federal lands and maintained forests to reduce wildfires.

In North Texas, we've minimized surface disturbance and truck traffic by directionally drilling more than 50 wells from a pair of sites near Lake Benbrook to produce natural gas from the shale formation thousands of feet below the lake.

These and other environmental partnerships help us earn and maintain the trust of our neighbors.



Supporting seismic research

Unusual numbers of earthquakes in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas have prompted questions about whether oil and natural gas operations are involved. Specifically, researchers continue to study the seismic-related risks associated with water disposal wells, although other activities also are being studied. Devon supports these efforts.

Since its inception in 2013, the Stanford University Center for Induced and Triggered Seismicity has had Devon's support and assistance. Stanford has developed a scientific framework for assessing the risk of earthquakes, and Devon has contributed data from its operations to Stanford's research.

Likewise, Devon has cooperated with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's regulatory directives intended to reduce seismic activity.

The science is advancing on this important topic, and Devon is pleased and proud to support it.

