

The connection between fracking and trafficking

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Man camps are temporary dwellings where large numbers of young, working class men go to work on resource extraction projects. Large numbers of men who work in oppressive conditions, often 14 hours a day, do the work of the mega corporations who extract oil, coltan, gas, gold, and anything else from the earth that can be sold, regardless of the damage it does to the earth, the nearby community, the workers, and the trafficked women who are moved in to pacify the workers.

In the US Wyoming and Montana Bakken oil field, man camps have turned into pimp business opportunities. The young men who work in the fields come from all over the US, they are lonely, tired, and cash-rich. With organized crime support, pimps move young women and drugs into the man-camps and profit from selling the women and the drugs to the oil field workers.

This process whereby predatory resource extraction leads to the hiring of young men who move far from their home communities and who often earn more money than they ever made before, followed by pimps' trafficking of women to the workers – this process happens all over the planet. In the Bakken, in the Congo, and in Colombia for example. The women and the planet are both harmed. Indigenous nations in the US are especially harmed by the combined assaults of resource extraction, land theft, cultural destruction, and prostitution of Indigenous women.

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