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DOCUMENTARY FILM *ROOTED LANDS* TO BE RELEASED ON VIMEO JUNE 24

Santa Fe, N.M.— “Rooted Lands - Tierras Arraigadas,” will be released on [Vimeo On Demand](#) next Monday, June 24. At the heart of the documentary film about potential oil and gas development in New Mexico’s Mora and San Miguel Counties, is the relationship between the people and their land and water. Mora County has recently gained national media attention as being the first county in the nation to ban fracking.

Producers Nancy Dickenson and Renea Roberts interview residents in these counties who speak about their very real fears around how the oil and gas industry will negatively effect their land, culture and health. Of primary concern is the quality and quantity of water, the lifeblood of this special place. The film also explores how the industry has already impacted the San Juan Basin/Four Corners area, where New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona meet.

“This story of a rural area in New Mexico is one that's playing out across the United States,” says Roberts. “From the Marcellus Shale in the Northeastern states to the high pristine watersheds in the Rocky Mountain West (where fracking is on the rise); from the populated areas in Ohio (where hazardous waste is injected into underground wells) to the southern coast in Oregon (where industry hopes to locate international export centers for natural gas), people are becoming more knowledgeable about the wide-ranging risks and impacts inherent with industrialized natural gas production.”

“This is exactly why we are witnessing a variety of interventions being enacted by communities across the country,” adds Roberts. “It seems the overall message is clear. The risks to our most precious resources of air and water, and the many sacrifices unjustly borne by the local people, far outweigh any economic carrot.”

“Rooted Lands - Tierras Arraigadas” will be available for online viewing at \$4.99 starting Monday, June 24 at [Rooted Lands](#) and on [Vimeo.com/OnDemand](#).

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