



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

APPALACHIAN FILM FESTIVAL

7:00 - 10:00 PM • PALACE THEATRE, 31 E. MAIN STREET, FROSTBURG

Triple Divide

A Film on Fracking in Pennsylvania

Triple Divide is Public Herald's first investigations into inevitable, negative impacts from shale gas industrial development and how those impacts are handled by the state, specifically the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Narrated with help from actor and solutions advocate Mark Ruffalo, major findings include stark negligence and endangerment of public and environmental health due to shale gas extraction. Through personal stories, expert interviews and investigation of state case files, *Triple Divide* tells a cautionary tale about a public agency meant to protect the public and environment that is instead protecting industry.

Though extraction of shale gas will one day end, taking many "boom and bust" jobs with it, contaminated groundwater aquifers, polluted land and stories of victimization will remain. Pennsylvanians, fed up with corruption and destruction, won't "go down" without a fight and are learning how to protect themselves.



Directors' Statements:

Triple Divide reveals a failure in state regulations and corporate responsibility for our most primeval resource, water. The combination of these things leads to the worst Tragedy of the Commons we've ever faced as a civilization, threatening large-scale contamination of drinking water supplies. So I left my native soils of Ohio in search of the truth, came to Pennsylvania with a camera in hand and began telling the stories of *Triple Divide*, my first big step as a filmmaker. Thank you to the courageous people who willingly unsheathed their stories for the world to see. Without them we are blindfolded.

—Joshua P. Pribanic

For me, most of *Triple Divide* wrote itself—swept me along with it like a river. The story is the same whether you're covering fracking, health care or modern warfare—profit over people. Money walks. I'm from Potter County, Pa., home of the triple continental divide. Once I noticed problems with fracking there as a reporter, and realized 100,000+ more wells are slated for the state with no plan, no health or environmental impact surveys—no other story mattered.

—Melissa Troutman