

US Forces Succeed in Clearing Peaceful Environmental Activists, Escorting Shell Rig Through and Sending on to Arctic

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Reporting from the scene:

US forces cleared kayakers out of the way and cut the cables connecting suspended climbers, making space for the government-escorted Shell oil rig to move through and continue on to the Arctic to begin the fossil fuel extraction process.

As the ship approached, one (hopelessly naive) onlooker shouted, “*Where is President Obama?*”, as if this were being done against his will.

Obama in 2012:

“Now, under my administration, America is producing more oil today than at any time in the last eight years. That’s important to know. Over the last three years, I’ve directed my administration to open up millions of acres for gas and oil exploration across 23 different states. We’re opening up more than 75 percent of our potential oil resources offshore. We’ve quadrupled the number of operating rigs to a record high. We’ve added enough new oil and gas pipeline to encircle the Earth and then some.”

Here is the oil rig passing through the cleared blockade:

After the rig passed through, a cheer of appreciation for the climbers and kayakers rang out from the onlookers, along with shouts of “Thank you!”



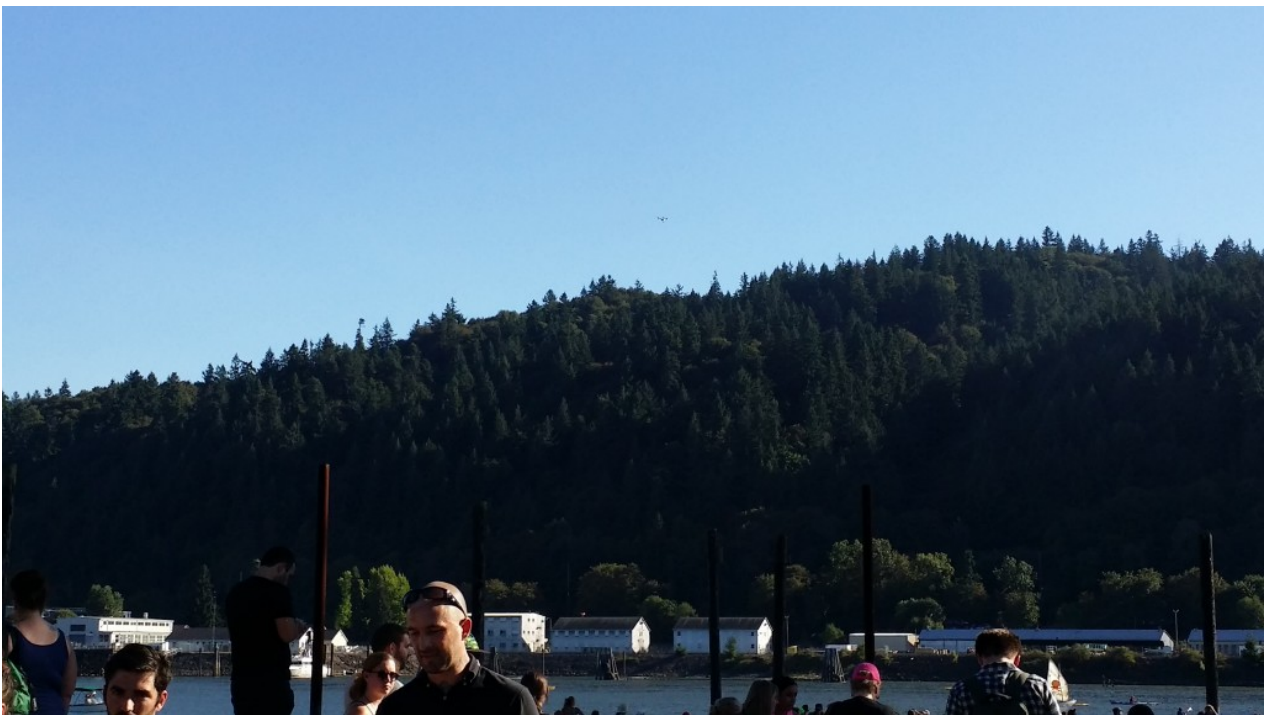
Gov.-escorted Shell rig spews exhaust after passing through cleared blockade.



Exhaust fumes from oil rig wash over the climbers.



Drone watches from above.



Drone hovers.

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