

# THE BIG BOULDER SHUT DOWN.

Some would suggest that if the people of the gulf states had paid more attention that they could have discovered the bad planning and relaxed safety protocols and prevented a catastrophic spill.

## WHAT IF THE BP OIL SPILL COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED WITH A SIMPLE MEETING?

We will never know. But we do know that there are currently plans to plant Genetically Manipulated Organisms on Boulder public land. A move that would, in essence, spill mutated genes into the greater Boulder Open Space gene pool. Cross-pollination with Organic crops could potentially destroy that industry.

And if we think it's hard to clean up oil, try doing it with genes. The technology to clean up that kind of spill simply doesn't exist. The dangers and problems with GMO/Genetically Modified Organisms are well documented, but for each and every study that finds fault one can find one that suggests GMOs are perfectly safe.

The biotech industry, the same folks that insisted that their Agent Orange, PCBs, and DDT were safe, now insists that their patented and grossly profitable GMO seeds are safe.

## WHAT IF THEY'RE WRONG? AGAIN.

The American Academy of Environmental Medicine doesn't agree. They and others urge all doctors to prescribe non-GMO diets to everyone, citing serious disorders in animal studies. This year, the insect-killing poison produced inside genetically modified corn was found circulating in the blood of pregnant Canadian women and their unborn fetuses.

## THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE

Biotech companies vehemently deny all problems, waving their own studies as proof. So we can choose to trust the science of these corporations who promise us that *this* time they got it right. Or employ the precautionary principle and wait for GMOs to be proven safe over the long term. It's our choice. Could it be that GMOs are contributing to our country's new epidemics in obesity, diabetes and allergies? Better to be safe than sorry?

## WHO SHOULD DECIDE WHAT GETS PLANTED ON BOULDER PUBLIC LAND?

- THE PUBLIC
- SPECIAL INTERESTS

These lands we're talking about are yours. They aren't privately held; they are lands that were bought with your tax dollars. So who should decide what happens with this land? You should. The Boulder brand is something many of us rely on for our livelihoods, both directly and indirectly.

## THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ~~BOULDER~~

Boulder is defined as a home to natural and organic food, active lifestyles, outdoor sports and more. Having Boulder's public Open Space land become a test bed for the biotech industries' great American feeding experiment simply isn't consistent with our brand, and it has the potential to cost our local economy millions if not billions. For local commissioners to put the Boulder brand at risk is reckless and irresponsible.

## HELP CREATE A MOMENT

We want to create more than a movement. We are asking you to join a moment. A defining moment of solidarity and unity. A single moment that speaks to the Boulder County Commission and says once and for all, "Stop messing with GMOs in Boulder County." A moment that proves that a united public might still hold the day against better funded special interests. We need you to be there.

## SHOWING UP ISN'T HALF THE BATTLE. SHOWING UP IS THE BATTLE.

The people of Boulder have an uncommon love for where they live, and if you've read this far, you know Boulder is in trouble.

To maintain the Boulder we know, we need to turn out in unprecedented numbers at the County Courthouse on Pearl Street on Sept. 6th from 11-2PM. Join FearLess Cottage, Silk Soymilk, Trattoria on Pearl, Mile High Organics, Radda, Matteo, Unity Church, Left Hand Books and others in

closing for three hours. Hell, let's close the whole town so there is nothing left to do but go show our shared concern.

Social media is great and we've got it going on with Facebook and Twitter. As we've seen in the Middle East, these tools can be the catalyst for change. But change takes action, and only when social media compels people to show up in the flesh does it have true political power. So hang the sign and dedicate your business to shutting down. Download more signs and ask a couple others to hang it as well. Put together a group to carpool, ride, walk, march, or skateboard to the Courthouse. Make silly hats and protest t-shirts. Bring cupcakes and trailmix.

Let's do whatever it takes to make this fun because, after all, this is Boulder. And just because we're serious that doesn't mean we can't have a laugh while we get the job done.

Love,  
**GMO FREE BOULDER**

*Proud to announce* **WE WILL**

# BE CLOSED

**SEPT. 6<sup>TH</sup> FROM 11AM-2PM TO JOIN OTHER BOULDERITES AT THE COURTHOUSE TO SHOW OUR CONCERN OVER THE PLAN TO PLANT GENETICALLY MANIPULATED CROPS ON PUBLIC OPEN SPACE LANDS.**