Unconventional Resources and Unconventional Boomtowns: Understanding the New Technopolitics of Oil & Gas Extraction in the American West
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