

# Athens County Commissioners



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Dear Wayne Planning Team:

We urge you to consider the following steps in the new Plan revision process:

1. The team must do outreach and invite and listen to all those who have weighed in with objections to the 2006 Plan as well as to subsequent logging, burning, highway and ATV trail-building projects and to opening the Forest to deep-shale, high-volume horizontal drilling and fracturing by granting permission to the BLM to conduct deep-shale oil and gas lease sales.
2. The team must rigorously consider all of the material submitted previously to both USFS and the BLM relevant to the current planning process. This includes all legal protests, peer-reviewed and other substantive research and reports, the voluminous comments, and more than one hundred thousand petition signatures delivered to USFS/BLM over past decades concerning on-going activities on and under our state's only National Forest.
3. As mandated by NEPA, the team must use up-to-date science, economic and cultural data, and meaningful input from the broad community to conduct rigorous evaluation of all activities to be considered for inclusion in the new Plan. Such evaluation must consider the true economic, climate, air, water, ecosystem, and socio-cultural long-term and cumulative costs and benefits of all activities considered.
4. What impact will leasing have on the development of the Bailey's Mountain bike trail system? You are asking local governments to invest heavily in Wayne. How do we know that our investment will not be lost because of the plan?

Regards,

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