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To: Objections Reviewing Officer, Regional Forester
Gina Owens

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Marietta-Athens Pine Project, Athens District.
of Wayne National Forest, Responsible Official Forest
Supervisor Carrie Gilbert: Objection

I object to the entire proposed Marietta-Athens Pine
Project.

The Environmental Assessment failed to realistically,
adequately, and scientifically consider the effects of
the project on climate change.

It did not consider the carbon cycle of the forest
ecosystem that removes carbon dioxide from the
atmosphere through photosynthesis.

It did not consider the symbiotic mycorrhizal fungi,
essential bacteria, and other soil microorganisms that
are part of the carbon cycle and that sequester carbon
from the products of photosynthesis.

Scientific consensus is that climate change is a
world-wide, imminent, catastrophic threat to human
well being and survival.

Failure to consider the many aspects of the projects effects
on atmospheric carbon dioxide, global warming, and climate
change is a willful disregard of using scientific
knowledge.

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Going forward with this destructive project is analagous to refusing to wear a mask during the Covid-19 pandemic, another worldwide threat to humanity.

I want the project to stop. I want the proposed 3,000 project acres to be treated as a natural, life-giving ecosystem. I want the existing mature trees to be preserved.

I want the soil life, especially mycorrhizal fungi, to be enhanced if it can be done naturally and without damage.

To save the world, we have to save the whole world.

First, do no harm.

