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To Whom it May Concern:

The Cleveland Environmental Action Network is an organization based in the Greater Cleveland Area. Our mission both coordinate events held by environmental, and environmental health organizations in the region and organizing our own programs, including the Cleveland Divestment Project, which has submitted comments separately to the Forest Plan Revision Team, and whose comments we wholly endorse.

Our position regarding the best multiple use of the Wayne National Forest for the benefit of the American public can be summarized as such:

- * The preservation of biodiverse ecosystems is to the benefit of the public given the ecosystem services they provide, such as improving local air quality, moderating the local climate, preserving aquifers, reducing soil erosion, and counteracting anthropogenic global warming.

- * The forests provide numerous opportunities for recreation, which, in turn, is to the benefit of the local economy. Outfitters, the hospitality industry, guide services, etc. benefit when those around the state of Ohio, the tri-state region or anywhere else visit the Wayne National Forest. Many of our members do visit the Wayne National Forest to hike, camp, etc.

- * The negative economic externalities associated with mining or drilling and burning hydrocarbon fuels (coal, oil, and gas) far outstrip any associated benefits, and the forest service, as such, should put to extracting oil, gas, or coal from National Forests, including the Wayne National Forest.

We thank the Forest Plan Revision Team for its work and look forward to further collaboration.

Sincerely,

John Turner

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