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Hello:

My name is Emily and I am a business journalist and central Ohio resident. I care deeply about Wayne National Forrest and am emailing to ask you to truly consider banning mining and logging, which is permitted in national forests.

Please "prioritize the use of public forests as wildlife refuges and carbon sponges - not sites for fossil fuel extraction," as a Dispatch reporter wrote earlier today.

The land in Ohio is precious and should be kept free from any kind of dangerous extraction or work that would diminish its inherent value. Not to mention, the environmental effects down the road would be catastrophic, if officials choose to engage in oil and gas development.

For the sake of my future children and our beautiful planet, I am asking Wayne National Forrest to consider banning the oil and gas industry from their operations at large. I am not an expert on this by any means, but feel it is my duty as an Ohio citizen to ask this.

If officials over there haven't read this book, (which I am sure many of you have,) please consider reading *This Changes Everything* by Naomi Klein. It is a great book on the topic of environmental crisis and global warming. I would love more information on how I can get involved with this effort. Please let me know.

All the best,

Emily Bench