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Comments: Expand Public Outreach, Protect the Wayne National Forest

Dear Supervisor Tony Scardina,

I am writing to request that you and the Forest Service host assessment, scoping and other meetings about the Wayne's land management revision process in all major metropolitan areas in Ohio.

Ohio is full of delicate and diverse ecosystems. Everyone who lives in the state depends on the health of these ecosystems, regardless if they are aware of them or not. Maintaining and preserving vital areas like Wayne National Forest are imperative to Ohio's water supply.

People from across the state use the Wayne National Forest for hiking, fishing, camping, bird-watching and other forms of recreation. So it's critical that the Forest Service involve these people by publicizing and hosting meetings in places like Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Akron and Dayton.

It's also important that the Forest Service be proactive and searching in its efforts to identify information about the potential harms that fracking, mining and logging could bring to the Wayne's forests, streams, watersheds and biodiversity.

Toward that end, I urge you to consult with regional and national experts in the fields of conservation biology, landscape ecology, climate science and environmental toxicology. And I urge you to identify and synthesize summaries of the scientific literature, so the public is fully informed about the impacts of various land uses, especially fracking.

Sincerely,

Lisa Parrish-Thompson