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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.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER to include the public when making these decisions. We that utilize the Forest do NOT wish to see gas lines or oil wells that will disrupt the natural flow of the landscape, or far worse damage the land and/or wildlife. Decisions made by politicians that don't see the importance of natural spaces, but only see potential for growth, must not be allowed to progress for greed.

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,

Sheryl Nos