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Comments: Expand Public Outreach, Protect the Wayne National Forest

Dear Supervisor Tony Scardina,

National Forest lands were set aside for the nation, all of us, not to be exploited for commercial gain. Please save this pristine area for our children, grandchildren, and descendants to watch and enjoy! This is irreplaceable habitat. Our country needs to invest in and pursue sustainable energy like solar, wind, geothermal, biofuel, etc. rather than devastate our national lands by fracking, drilling, and mining.

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.

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,

Mary Hood