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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 meetings about the Wayne's land management revision process in all major metropolitan areas throughout Ohio. People from across the state use the Wayne National Forest for hiking, fishing, camping, bird-watching, and other forms of recreation; the Forest Service should give these people a voice by publicizing and hosting meetings in places like Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Akron, and Dayton.

It is also important that the Forest Service actively seek out information on the potential harms that fracking, mining, and logging could bring to the Wayne's forests, streams, watersheds, and biodiversity.

To 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. I further urge you to identify and synthesize summaries of the scientific literature, so that the public is fully informed about the impacts of various land uses, especially fracking.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Scott