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Dear Supervisor Tony Scardina,

I am writing to request that you and the Forest Service include public input as you make future plans for the Wayne National Forest. I spent part of a summer there 40 years ago working in the Youth Conservation Corps and believe it is worth protecting.

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,

Brenda Sarsany