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To Anthony Scardina:

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

Ohioans from across the state use the Wayne National Forest for hiking, fishing, camping, bird-watching, and other ways of enjoying nature. 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 conduct an assessment process that is proactive and searching in its efforts to identify information about the potential impacts of land uses like fracking, mining and logging that can harm the Wayne's forests, streams, watersheds, and biodiversity.

Toward that end, I urge you to consult with regional and national experts and organizations in the fields of conservation biology, landscape ecology, climate science and environmental toxicology, and to identify and synthesize summaries of scientific literature relating to impacts of various land uses, including and especially fracking.

Thank you for your consideration.

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