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+ Hello - I am writing to submit my comments before the August 30 deadline, to speak AGAINST issuing permits for drilling & fracking purposes in the Wayne National Forest.

My research has shown me that the Bureau of Land Management did not perform due diligence, because they did not complete a full Environmental Impact Statement, required by the National Environmental Policy Act, concerning the cumulative effects of fracking in the Wayne National Forest, but instead relied on an outdated and inadequate Environmental Assessment from 2006.

Therefore, as the last step in the checks & balances process, I urge that NO PERMITS be given for the above purposes at this time, until the results of a new, independent, and comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are known and properly reviewed.

Even when such an EIS is completed, it is my belief that its results will dictate that no permits for such drilling be allowed, for the negative impact of such drilling for hydraulic fracturing/unconventional fracking will far outweigh any economic benefits.

The Wayne National Forest (WNF) is the ONLY national forest in Ohio, and is cited by the area Chambers of Commerce, along with tourism promotions, to be a major draw for this area: In Washington County alone (per 2014 figures), more than 2000 people are employed in tourism, with wages of over \$45 million! Much of these figures are related directly or indirectly to the WNF.

Drilling will require additional roads to run through previously undisturbed habitat, and the subsequent transporting on such roads of hazardous waste will be near streams and residences. Such has also been associated with groundwater pollution.

Pipelines and well pads have experienced spills, explosions, and fires which have caused significant emergencies for human life, and devastation to natural life.

The Little Muskingum River is considered one of the region's healthiest, and it flows into the Ohio River, which provides drinking water for some 6 million people! And yet, the Little Muskingum would be put at risk, if such permits as described above are issued.

Some States (at least 3 that I know of, including Maryland, where I used to live) have outlawed fracking altogether! What do they know that we don't know or are ignoring for economic interests?

Therefore, I urgently ask that you DENY the issuance of any permits that would lead to drilling for fracking purposes at this time, until at least, as mentioned above, a full, independent EIS is completed! Even after such may be completed, I would hope that such risks for the Jewel that is the Wayne National Forest would be considered too high to grant such permits ever!!

Thank you for receiving my comments before any decisions are made to go forward with the permit process. I am respectfully & sincerely yours,

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