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To members of the Wayne land management planning team,

I am writing to convey my deep concerns about the Forest Plan revision process. They are as follows:

1. It revising this plan, it is extremely important that your goal, as required by federal law, is to protect forests, climate, and sustainable economies, not to represent the interests of industry.
2. In this process, you must make rigorous efforts to listen to and take seriously the concerns of those who have voiced their objections to the 2006 plan. This would mean inviting and listening to those who have expressed their objections as well as seriously considering all the material submitted previously to both USFS and the BLM, relevant to the current planning process, including all legal protests, peer-reviewed and other substantive research and reports, and comments, and petitioners, concerning activities in the Wayne National Forest.
3. It is imperative that you follow the mandate of the NEPA to use up-to-date science, economic and cultural data, and meaningful community input and rigorously evaluate of all activities to be considered for inclusion in the new Plan. This evaluation should include the true economic, climate, air, water, ecosystem, and socio-cultural long-term and cumulative costs and benefits of all activities considered. This is something the Wayne has NEVER done. The plan must not continue to be misused to justify continuing industrial extraction and other practices destructive to our forest, environment, public health, and economies of local communities in the Wayne areas.

I urge you act with integrity and take bold leadership in protecting the health and environment of the Forest and of the people living in the area.

Sincerely, Peggy Gish