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Hi,

As a resident of southeast Ohio, I'd like to request for several important improvements in the Forest planning process.

First, as these are public lands, the voice of the public should be of highest importance-this did not appear to be the case during the last revision process. Some ways to make this a priority, would be to do significant outreach to those that have raised objections since the previous plan along with public forums and well-run public surveying of population that live in and use the Wayne.

Secondly, the prioritization of extractive industries in the previous plan, flying in the face of public opinion and science, is disturbing and must be corrected. This should be corrected through the consideration of up-to-date science and an in-depth look at the impact to the ecosystems, tourism, climate, air, water, and public health of the Wayne and those that live nearby. This is mandated by NEPA and serve to reinforce the first point of prioritizing the public instead of private parties as well. Public lands are not set aside and funded for use by private, for-profit corporations. They are a public asset and are created for the good of the public. Don't prioritize industry interests over this core mission in the current revision process.

Thank you,

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