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Madame and Sir,

It is with trepidation and regret that I write and express my disappointment and outrage that our inherent natural wealth and resources are being attacked by the very agencies (USFS) who are sworn and paid to protect them. My name is Kip Rondy and I, with my wife Becky, own and operate Green Edge Organic Gardens, an organic vegetable and mushroom Farm in Amesville Ohio. We have annual sales in the 100-thousands dollar range, and employ 10 or so other folks in various capacities to help run the Farm.

We are the last full-time year-around working Farm in our area. When I first moved to the area our Farm was surrounded by cadre of small dairy farms. All these farms made a middle class living from milking 40 or so cows. These farms were regulated out of business (I feel intentionally) and a way of life and culture was destroyed - only to be replaced with an opioid crisis.

And so you ask what does this have to do with The Wayne? It is this: In order for culture to survive and provide a functional framework for those living within it, the key cultural values must be protected and remain whole. Examples? The plight of the Native Americans, the plight of the African Americans. Both groups had their cultures and their environment torn asunder. Those groups of people paid the price of dysfunction for many generations. On the front page of the NFS's website the following is prominently displayed: "The agency's top priority is to maintain and improve the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of current and future generations. Forest management focuses on managing vegetation, restoring ecosystems, reducing hazards, and maintaining forest health."

So please exclaim how Fracking, ATV trails, and extensive logging are restoring ecosystems, reducing hazards, and maintaining forest health!

When Forest health is threatened, Community health is threatened. Cavalier permitting of Fracking, ATV trails, increased logging, the enhanced degradation of air,water, and climate stability, are not in the vested long term interest of the Wayne or the Greater Community. Please, Please, take your defined role seriously and improve the Health and the Diversity of the Wayne and our greater Community.

Kip Rondy