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Comments: Please do not allow our National Forests and Grasslands in Texas to be opened for oil and gas leasing projects. Texas is a state with a very limited amount of Federal lands. For this reason and for the health of our residents and environment, please leave these lands to conduct the ecosystem services they are naturally designed to do. Opening these Federal lands to private oil and gas companies will undermine the natural function these lands provide for us and our environment. Opening them up to oil and gas will destroy areas of these Federal lands and put them at risk for contamination. At the same time it will disable these lands from conducting the ecosystems services they are designed to provide. It is crucial to have natural areas that are healthy ecosystems that provide us protection from natural disasters and water pollution. At the same time these same lands provide flora and fauna habitat in which to live and thrive. In addition these spaces provide U.S. Citizens a place to relax, recreate, enjoy nature, and explore our natural world. Please protect our land for the health of Texans, our natural world, and for future generations.