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Subject: 20 year oil gas lease program. I support the "no leasing" alternative I favor the NO LEASING alternative. There are millions of acres available for fracking on private land in East Texas. The national forests are public lands for multiple uses - wildlife, recreation, ecosystem protection, timber, etc. Fracking on national forests would interfere with many of the forests' other uses.(Note: One of the proposed alternatives is the "no action" alternative - this alternative will continue the current policy of making ALL national forest lands available for fracking. Please support the "no leasing" alternative.)The well pads alone will cause 2,300 acres of new disturbance. Environmental impacts will encompass a much larger area than the cleared drill pads. Roads and pipelines will seriously fragment the remaining habitat. It will take 1.7 billion gallons of fresh water to drill and "fracture" the proposed wells; 90% of it will be fresh water most of it from groundwater. Habitat loss and ongoing oil and gas production will displace and harm many kinds of wildlife.

New wells and associated disposal wells could lead to "induced seismicity" (earthquakes that can be felt).Over 300 of the new wells would be in management areas for the endangered Red-cockaded woodpecker, jeopardizing the bird's full recovery.This oil and gas development program will accelerate climate change. Texas already releases

12.7% of the total US greenhouse gases (while occupying only 7% of the US surface). This program would increase our emissions.Jim Noble

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