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Subject: NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS IN TEXAS OIL AND GAS LEASING AVAILABILITY ANALYSIS EIS: PUBLIC SCOPING

To whom it concerns,

I would like to register my strong objection to the proposal to open up these areas to oil and gas exploration. At a time when science is clear as to the risks posed by the continued expansion of fossil fuel use, the destruction of habitat, and the threat to wildlife and biodiversity, this is a most vital time to protect the small stamps of land that remain from this greedy and senseless exploitation. There is no clear benefit to allowing these leases; a short-term financial gain by a few is grotesquely outweighed by the enormous and lasting destruction to the environment, native species and the planet. I would urge you to instead focus on expanding the protection of habitat and wild lands by revoking the oil, gas and mining leases on existing federal lands, and forcing those responsible to restore those habitats to their original state.

Regards,

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