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Comments: I fully support your efforts and proposals to eradicate gypsy moths in Southwest Virginia. The use of pheromones in the manner proposed is safe for all other insect species and humans. We must protect our forest from this very damaging introduced species. I graduated with a degree in entomology from the University of Georgia back in the eighties and participated in studies involving the use of insect pheromones for agricultural pests.

I worked in the scientific fields related to human toxicology and environmental impacts while a Federal employee at the USEPA and USDOE for many years before retiring so I feel like I am somewhat qualified to speak to these issues.

I spend a lot of time in Southwest Virginia, owning property in the area and am especially concerned about forests in that area.

The use of efforts such as this should be used wherever Gypsy moths threaten our forests.