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Comments: It is essential that we protect our forests, trees, animals (including bats) for the health of our planet and all the living creatures and plants in it. And without considering the specific effects included in the new plan which is being proposed, major damage can be caused - now and in the future. Please scrap the new proposed plan, reevaluate actions and values. No destruction of the trees, yes to capping the wells, protect wetlands, etc. I am not an expert, but what I have read causes me great concern.

Here are questions that need to be answered before any action is taken

1. How many wells have been capped/plugged under the current plan? What is their condition? What was the cost of each? Has the capping/plugging been effective? How much disturbance of soil, wetlands, and vegetation (quantified by carbon emissions, acreage, tree volume, species, and number) was required to achieve these results?
2. How are the wells slated for intervention being prioritized? What are the environmental costs and benefits (including ghg emissions, destruction of habitat and wetlands, logging, road building, and soil compaction) of each intervention? Why hasn't the FS shared the maps and emissions data of wells to be plugged or capped? This must happen immediately.
3. How will the public get to weigh in to assure that destruction of "mature" and old-growth trees, bat and other sensitive species habitat, and wetlands will not occur, since the Wayne has exempted itself from obligation to protect these Forest resources? (The Wayne has a history of logging 60-80 year-old trees, selling them at give-away prices to the logging industry, having labeled them "mature," though these trees are young in terms of their natural lifespans of 200-400 years or more.)

Thank you for your work and your willingness to start again with the intent of protecting the Wayne now and for a long time.