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Comments: I oppose your Environmental Assessment which would exempt your actions from your outdated Forest Plan. More information MUST BE GIVEN, as you are a public agency accountable to your public! Timely and transparent consultation with the public is necessary before particular wells are prioritized and selected for intervention. We must be given the opportunity to weigh in before site-specific decisions are made.

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 was required to achieve these results?

How are the wells slated for intervention being prioritized? What are the environmental costs and benefits of each intervention? Why hasn't the FS shared the maps and emissions data of wells to be plugged or capped? How will the public get to comment to assure that destruction of mature 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?

Yes, I care about capping wells AND protecting our critically important public forest. Thank you.