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Comments: While I fully support the proper decommissioning of oil and/or gas wells in the Wayne National Forest, I am extremely concerned about this project being executed

in a manner that is destructive and degrading to the environment and precious ecosystems existing in the Wayne National Forest. Minimal disturbance to the greatest extent possible must be the guiding approach and practice in carrying out this project. The contractor (the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of

Oil and Gas) though cognizant in the use of Best Management Practices and minimally invasive/disturbance, has a poor track record in this regard for an

agency charged with environmental stewardship. I have witnessed its lack of enforcement of BMP's firsthand, and it leaves much to be desired. At a time when

environmental and ecosystems protections should be a top priority, ODNR must consciously strive to do a superior job in this regard. Minimal disturbance of

vegetation, minimally disturbing stream crossings, sediment and erosion controls, soil compaction and the replanting of impacted vegetation, must all be implemented as a

major component of successfully carrying out this project. While federal dollars create a tantalizing incentive for agency enhancement, the integrity of the Wayne National forest and its delicate ecosystems must be protected and maintained first; to do any less will be an outright agency (ODNR) failure and major disservice to citizen taxpayers, the rightful owners of this public trust. Caution and care for the Wayne's environment must be the standard for successful completion of this project. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this most important matter.