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Comments: While I support the plugging/capping of old gas wells and abandoned mines I am very concerned about the lack of information that is available to the public on this project. Of concern in particular is the lack of information on the environmental costs and benefits of each intervention. Since the Wayne has exempted itself from obligation to protect forest resources, how does the public ensure the destruction of mature and old growth trees, bat and other sensitive species and habitat does not occur? Building roads and the use of heavy equipment does have an impact on the forest and needs to be addressed. The public should be given detailed information about this project and there should be timely and transparent public consultation prior to particular wells being prioritized and selected for intervention.

For the reasons stated above I oppose this project.