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Comments: As a homeowner with land adjacent to the Wayne National Forest, it is important to me that the health and resources of the forest be maintained for the long term, as the health of the land, air, and water in the forest directly impacts the health of my family in this place. It is important to me that mitigation measures be taken to reduce harm from outdated or abandoned industry, and it is also important to me that the current health of the surrounding eco-system be taken into consideration when planning and carrying out those mitigation measures so as not to cause further damage to the ecosystem. I ask that the public be made aware in ample time and have the opportunity to provide input on these projects on topics such as:

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?