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Comments: I am distressed Wayne National Forest's new Orphan Well and Abandoned Mine Project EA declares the need to exempt itself from its own stipulations in its Forest Plan. Stipulations requiring protection of old-growth forests, endangered Indiana bats, wetlands, and sensitive species habitats. It is necessary the Forest Service have requirements, rules, and oversight on the project. The oversight must be public oversight. The public must be given timely information about this project allowing for our input before site-specific decisions are made. I care about capping wells, and about protecting the public forest.