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Comments: As a taxpayer residing near the Wayne National Forest, and as one who often uses and enjoys the forest, I am concerned that the plan will shortchange members of the public who seek to avoid destruction of mature and old growth trees, sensitive species habitat, and wetland by limiting timely public notice and comment. Maturing and old trees play an important role in carbon sequestration. Protecting existing forest is more effective at combatting climate change than planting new trees, according to expert ecologists. The plan to vest the Forest Supervisor with authority to make decisions without requiring adherence to major environmental guidelines is unacceptable.