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Comments: I strongly oppose any oil and gas leasing in Conecuh National Forest. This area is a critical natural habitat and a vital part of Alabama's environmental heritage. Allowing drilling would threaten water quality, wildlife, and the recreational value of the forest.

Past assessments have already highlighted the environmental risks, and revisiting this issue disregards the public's clear opposition. Blue Spring and surrounding areas should be protected, not exploited. Our national forests should not be sacrificed for short-term profit.

I urge the rejection of this proposal.