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Comments: I am writing to request that the US. Forest Service end all oil and gas leasing and extraction from the Conecuh National Forest. I have used the Conecuh NF for over a decade to hunt, hike, and enjoy wildlife. Its incredibly diverse forest are not only some of the last intact and healthy forest for numerous rare and amazing species, but it is also a significant economic driver for the region. Every year, often multiple times a year, I visit the forest, spending money in local shops and supporting the local economy, as do many others from all over the country. Expanding, or even continuing, oil and gas leasing in the Conecuh threatens to disrupt the local economy and undermine the intent of our forest service lands. As a hunter, and American citizen, I am proud to consider these lands as my land, and in Alabama, we are often left with land that has been stripped of all of its resources and beauty, please do not do this to the Conecuh. These leases do permanent damage to the land, and only provide a short term gains. Please end all oil and gas leasing in the Conecuh!