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Comments: Hello,

I have never visited Conecuh National Forest before. Though I am certain there are people who live near the area, locals, or even tourists who visit it often because out in the wilderness it is a place they can resonate with, take their breath away, and realize things about their life, and how small our realities can feel sometimes when we get a glimpse of something so much more than we had ever space for recognizing in our minds and hearts. The lives of other beings just like us, each in such a unique world, and who express themselves so much like ourselves. Characters, stories, cultures and entire worlds all going on right here, now, with us. And these are the places they are.

To acknowledge this exists alongside us makes it difficult to think we have the power to make it all disappear so quickly. And that we really do have such an effect on those other worlds around us that we as people can often pay so little attention to; whether we choose to acknowledge so or not.

I am fortunate to live in a forest surrounded by nature. And I can recognize these realms, and so can others.

For these reasons I soulfully state we recognize the importance of Conecuh National Forest, from a context outside of our society as humans, and to consider compassion and our ability relate to, understand, and see other species lives, as special and meaningful as our own.

As such, I advocate with heart and support Alternative C, No New Leasing.

Thank you for your time