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Mr. Ed Shephard, State Director
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Dear Ed:

I would like to request that you extend by 120 days the 90-day "comment period" for the WOPR DEIS.

As you know, the 1650+ page document that your staff so ably produced will require more than 90 days for a thoughtful review by both elected officials and the public-at-large.

Since it is a "draft" document that is still amenable to change, I would hope that thoughtful comments and criticism from the public will lead to an end product that will produce income for struggling counties, and preserve environmentally sensitive areas within the "O&C" lands.

Allowing disparate views shape the final document will have the added benefit of reducing the probability of future litigation.

A positive response to this request would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dave Gilmour, M.D.
Commissioner