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SUBJECT:	<b>RE: Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's Notice of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale Concerning Parcels in Perry, Gallia, and Athens Counties, Ohio</b>	DATE:	October 6, 2011

Dr. John Lyon

Eastern States Office Director

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Dear Dr. Lyon:

I hereby protest the agency's planned offering of ES-041-12/11, OHES 57244 ACQ (528.15 acres, Perry County); ES-042-12/11, OHES 57245 ACQ (150.65 Acres, Gallia County); ES-043-12/11, OHES 57246 ACQ (264.93 acres, Athens County); ES-044-12/11, OHES 57247 ACQ (1,238.06 acres, Athens County); and ES-045-12/11, OHES 57248 ACQ (1,120.58 acres, Athens County) at the December 7, 2011 lease sale in accordance with 43 CFR 3120.1-3. The five parcels are publicly owned lands of the Wayne National Forest, and will hereinafter be referred to as Parcels 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45, respectively.

As a resident of Athens County, Ohio I request that further impact studies be done on the land named above, before considering leasing. If these leases are offered as they currently are, with dated research from the 2006 Wayne NF LRMP, I feel that they will violate NEPA requirements, specifically, an updated site-specific analysis which would include the latest "fracking" methods. Appendix G to the 2006 LRMP FEIS, which projected the future development of oil and gas on the Wayne, specifically stated that directional drilling technology was not economically feasible on the Wayne. This lack of economic feasibility, should have considerable impact on your decision

regarding leasing as it would not be in the public interest to manage public lands in a way that did not protect the public interest.

While I am well aware of the many mandates you must adhere to, I ask that you keep the following section of law in mind when making your decision about whether or not to sell leases on the WNF:

"Sec. 102. [43 U.S.C. 1701] (a) The Congress declares that It is the policy of the United States that, (8) the public lands be managed in a manner that will protect the quality of scientific, scenic, historical, ecological, environmental, air and atmospheric, water resource, and archeological values; that, where appropriate, will preserve and protect certain public lands in their natural condition; that will provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife and domestic animals; and that will provide for outdoor recreation and human occupancy and use;"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Gedeon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynn Gedeon

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