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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to 43 CFR 3120.1-3, I am writing in protest of the proposal of sale of oil and gas leases on 5 parcels on the Wayne National Forest in Athens, Perry and Gallia County. Because the leases do not prevent horizontal hydrofracking, significant sources of water for each of these counties would almost certainly be polluted by toxic chemicals and radioactivity. The water withdrawals from our aquifer and the Hocking River will decimate our water supply and the storage, possible injection of waste, likely spills and leaks, and burial of toxic radioactive sludge on site will irreparably harm our private and municipal water systems, our economy, the health of our citizens, and our forest ecosystems and wildlife.

My interest in protesting these sales is as a landowner, citizen, and long-time resident interested in living out my life in Athens County.

Sincerely,



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