

Official Protest to the Sale of an Oil and Gas Lease on Wayne National Forest Lands-BLM Notice dated September 7, 2011

I am a citizen of Athens County, a frequent user of the Hocking River and the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway, and the former Athens County Planner. I write to protest the sale of a gas and oil lease on the Wayne National Forest due to the proximity of this land to the valuable aquifer beneath and adjacent to the Hocking River and because hydraulic fracturing may be an alternative technique used for the gas extraction and it is proven to have damaged drinking water supplies in enough other locations where employed that further environmental investigation is warranted before any leases are sold.

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