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RE: PROTEST OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S NOTICE OF COMPETITIVE OIL/GAS LEASE SALE Concerning Parcels in Perry, Gallia and Athens Counties OHIO

Dear Dr. Lyon: I hereby protest the agency's planned offering of ES-041-12/11, OHES57244 ACQ (528.15 acres, Perry Co); ES-042-12/11, OHES 57245 ACQ (150.165 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 Co); and ES-045-12/11, OHES 57248 ACQ (1,120.58 acres Athens Co) at the Dec 7, 2011 lease sale in accordance w/ 43 CFR 3120.1-3. The 5 parcels are publicly owned lands of the Wayne Nat Forest and will be referred to hereinafter as Parcels 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45.

Reasons

1. The BLM + FS will violate NEPA if they offer these leases for sale. Site specific - specific analysis necessary to satisfy NEPA's requirements "hard look" impacts are not contained in the documents Nepa analysis. Also circumstances have changed + new info has arisen since 2006 FEIS was completed necessitating further analysis. The 2006 LRMP FEIS touches too briefly on "fracking" and fails to provide any analysis of the potential environmental impacts of directional drilling. Hydraulic drilling is not mentioned in the FEIS. Also operator feedback suggest this type of technology is still not feasible within the Wayne Nat. Forest. Please, please, please can we leave our children with one of our areas precious Natural Resources as untouched as possible? They deserve that as was intentioned by the National Forrest program. They have so much else to fix. Thank you for your consideration and time in this important matter.

Thank you
Sincerely, - Gary Dalzell

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