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Bureau of Land Management
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RE: The sale of mineral leases in the Wayne National Forest
Athens County, OH

BLM:

I am a resident of Athens, Ohio.

I oppose the auction of mineral leases by the BLM on public lands in Athens County, OH. The process of hydraulic fracturing is known to cause environmental degradation and pollution. Here in Athens County there is a danger posed for the aquifer by "fracking". I believe that the BLM is acting contrary to law on this issue. The Buckeye Forest Council Buckeye Forest Council is filing an official protest that the sale violates the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.* (NEPA); the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.* (ESA); and the National Forest Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1600 *et seq.* (NFMA) for not assessing impacts on the forest as legally required. I support their action.

Please withdraw the parcels from the auction. Public lands involve a public trust. The Wayne National Forest is a priceless natural resource that should be managed responsibly.

Thank You.


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