## Call or write the Wayne for **PUBLIC INPUT** before it leases land for fracking – **Our DRINKING WATER is at risk**



Trucks carry **CONCENTRATED toxic chemicals**—as much as **SEVEN MILLION POUNDS** per pad. **ACCIDENTS are common.** 

Wayne land previously put up to lease is riddled with abandoned mines. ACID WATER CORRODES STEEL AND CEMENT in decades.

70,000 people in Nelsonville, Burr Oak Water District, Athens, LeAx, and Chauncey rely on the aquifer running under the Wayne.

Leasing will threaten our **DRINKING WATER**, **AIR**,\* **TOURISM**, **COLLEGE REPUTATIONS**, **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**.

We must convince Supervisor Carey to recognize our LEGAL AND MORAL RIGHT to a say in this momentous decision. Her decision will come in mid-June.

- On May 23, close to 200 people presented Ms. Carey with 740 signatures on petitions calling for an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of deep-shale drilling and horizontal hydraulic fracturing on the Wayne with full public input. Ms. Carey is still talking about moving forward with leasing.
- Whether or not the Forest Service owns only some mineral rights under its land, the Wayne is legally required to consider *regional* impacts of significant actions on any and *all Wayne land*. It must also protect *groundwater and DRINKING WATER*, according to U.S. Forest Service policy.
- The Wayne 2006 Forest Plan makes most land available to lease—that's why Anne must call for an EIS now. The 2006 Plan did NOT consider fracking. Fracking will have significant impacts—with extremely high stakes—that require a new EIS *BEFORE* more leasing occurs. "Site-specific" EISes later will not protect our communities from water contamination, accidents, air pollution, or wrecked economies.

To sign a petition, please send your name, city/township to heather.cantino@gmail.com. Send LETTERS to Anne Carey (agcarey@fs.fed.us, cc Rachel Orwan, Wayne NEPA Coordinator rorwan@fs.fed.us) or snail mail to Anne Carey, Wayne National Forest Supervisor, Wayne National Forest, 13700 U.S. 33 Nelsonville, OH 45764. See petition and other Wayne docs at ACFAN.ORG. Please act now!

<sup>\*</sup> One well emits 23 tons of volatile organic compounds (according to EPA), unrestricted under Ohio law.