

Wayne National Forest Wants Public Comment on Gypsy Moth Control

The notice was published on **January 24, 2016** in the legal notices section of The Athens Messenger; **with 30 days for the public to respond.** Published in the Columbus Dispatch on February 5, 2016.

The Wayne National Forest is seeking public comments on the completed Environmental Assessment to analyze possible impacts from treatments to control the gypsy moth. This 30-day comment period is intended to allow the public to submit comments that should be considered on this project proposal before a decision is made.

Method of Control: Aerial spraying this Spring that disrupts their reproduction.

Only these two products that will be used; they only affect Gypsy Moths:

- ◆ **Mating-disruption Pheromone**: a synthetic form of a pheromone naturally produced by the female gypsy moth. It makes it difficult for the males to find the females.
- ◆ **Gypchek**: a naturally occurring virus specific to gypsy moths; its application eliminates gypsy-moth caterpillars.

— *These two methods are **endorsed** by the **Ohio Lepidopterists Society** —*

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- 1) I, the undersigned, approve of the use of Gypcheck and/ or Mating-disruption Pheromones to control the Gypsy Moth within the National and State Forests of Ohio.
- 2) I do not approve the use of BtK anywhere in Ohio.

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