

Letters to the Editor

State should re-think actions on Zoar Valley logging plan

Regarding the plan to log over 570 acres in the Zoar Valley in the coming five years, why hasn't the DEC been more forthcoming with its plans? The only reason we know what's going on is the hikers notices the trees marked for logging.

The hardwoods in the Northeast are under tremendous pressure, not only from invasive species but humans as well. One would think that the Audubon Society would be against this, but sadly, it is not. They support logging mature trees under the pretext that we need more young growth for migrating birds. There currently is enough young growth for song-birds without this.

Where is the public debate on what should be done? What is the best plan, really? Is there a conflict of interest between the DEC and the

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Audubon Society?

So, lets not cut down the mature, healthy hardwoods to help the birds, then build wind mills in Lake Erie to destroy them as they try to migrate.

As I said, we need a plan, a better one. I urge that we stop this plan until we figure out what we really need and how best to achieve it.

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