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To whom it may concern,

Having lived through the government's forced taking of land along the Buffalo River, all in the name of protecting the resource, I am overcome with a severe case of "here we go again" when I see that the PC&E Commission is going to put limitations on how private land can be used in the Buffalo River watershed.

It is no surprise to anyone who spends any time around the Buffalo that there are still hard feelings about the government's snatch-and-grab techniques in putting together the Buffalo National River. Farms were taken, home places acquired, and people pushed off lands that had been in their families for generations. That was all one for the public good, of course.

Now, we are told that the private lands that remain in the area now have limitations being placed on them concerning what type of farming can be done there! This is, again, all being done for the public good.

Ask someone who's from Marion or Newton or Searcy County how that all worked out for their families. Sure, many enjoy the Buffalo River, but so many of those who use the Buffalo are canoe-toppers from Fayetteville, Tulsa, Little Rock and Springfield.

I sure hope they understand just what has been taken from other so they can enjoy the Buffalo River, and now apparently not have to worry about whether a hog has been raised on private land in the Buffalo River watershed.

Sincerely,



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