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To: Szenher, Doug

Subject: Moratorium on Buffalo River Watershed

Doug,

Please accept this letter as commentary regarding the moratorium for third party ruling on Regulation 5 and Regulation 6 limiting construction of agricultural facilities in the Buffalo River Watershed. I am STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS MORATORIUM. I feel more informed than most of the contributors for two reasons;1/I am the son of a retired Soil Conservation Service employee who inspected and helped draft watershed projects in Southwest Arkansas and learned from watching him how watershed diluents occurred, 2/I am an agricultural banker, beginning my career in 1984 and dealing with multiple agricultural operations throughout Arkansas since that time. I have watched the careful stewardship of family farmers over those years and realize their commitment to protection of the water resources are second to none.

I refuse to believe some of the nonsense and verbiage condemning the use of agricultural facilities as a contaminant of the watershed, when in fact there are just as many possible environmental contaminants from tourism and recreational use as potentially from a well-managed agricultural operation.

Should you have time to discuss this, please contact me at 479-970-9736.

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