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Subject: Please read my comments-Protect the Buffalo River and other areas

When I retired in March, 2013, my bucket list included camping, hiking, fishing, canoeing, golfing and biking with my then 10-year old granddaughter. To that end, we are in the middle of doing these things in our beautiful state. Our goal is to visit all the Arkansas state parks and Federal recreation areas, whether they have camping facilities or not. So far, we have visited 15 of the 52 state parks and have plans to continue this summer as soon as school is out. We have beautiful facilities so we have no desire to visit other states as we are "The Natural State".

As we travel along our way, I take the opportunity to engage my granddaughter about the environment and how we must take care of what is here because there will be no more other than what we have now. We talk about things are being done to protect, ways we can help protect it and things that are causing us to lose it. We recycle at home as well as on our adventures. She has even taught me a few things that she's learned in school about recycling.

I don't have many years left until she will be a teenager and not have time to travel with "DaDah" so I cherish the time we have. But - she has a 4 year old sister that will be old enough to take her place at that point.

As you see, our natural state is very precious and personal to me. I want those that are making decisions to consider and understand just what it means to folks that are not part of big corporations and wealthy executives who only think about profits and complain about EVERY regulation that hinders them in making those big profits. You only have to look at the number of "Super Fund" sites in our state to understand the environment is not a priority to them. Haven't we learned anything from building chicken houses on top of hills and the problems with the lawsuits over the Illinois River and Grand Lake? They make their profits and then abandon these sites, leaving the clean up to the rest of us that pay the bulk of the taxes. These are the very people that take their vacations, shopping and personal investments out of the state.

There are many places these facilities can be built where they will not endanger our existing natural areas.

Thank you for your time in reading this and please take your decisions to your heart and not to your wallet.

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