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The Committee
Endangered Species Act

To Whom It May Concern:

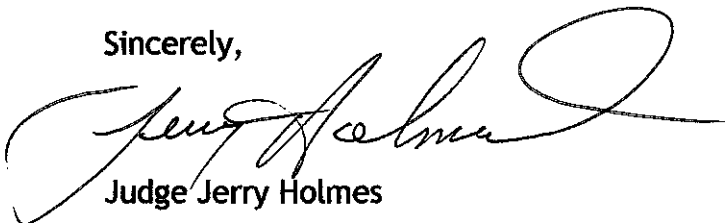
Here in Cleburne County we have a vast amount of branches, creeks, Little Red River, and Greers Ferry Lake. All of which take a role in defining the industry (tourism) and the way of life for a large number of our residents here (raising cattle and growing chickens). We are all aware that certain measures need to be in place to protect our environment, but not to the extent of potentially disrupting the economy and the way of life for not only our county, but the entire state of Arkansas.

Again, it appears that the Federal Government or Federal Court has or is trying to step in and designate lands from our citizens who, for the most part, have been good stewards of their property for many generations. Why is this matter just now being brought to the attention of the people that it would affect the most—the land owners? One would think any matter concerning taking or possibly designating any portion of people's property, these individuals or some representing them, could be involved.

As a property owner in the cattle business and representing Cleburne County as County Judge, I strongly oppose the Federal Court's designating any property of the citizens of Arkansas, especially Cleburne County, in the manner in which it appears they are trying to do.

Thank you for giving your time to address this issue.

Sincerely,



Judge Jerry Holmes

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