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<b>I am in Support of this Bill on its Face.</b>			



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I support this bill before the Missouri House titled "Natural Resource and Community Protection Act." I feel that our federal public lands should have coordination and approval from the state when looking at regulating uses, enforcing laws, or purchasing property.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KAREN S. DEARLOVE, THOMAS J. DEARLOVE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>karen.s.dearlove@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>4/3/2025 7:19 PM</b>
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I am Karen Dearlove, and these remarks are also on behalf of my husband, Tom Dearlove. Following our retirement in late 2019 from government positions in natural resources management in Alaska, we have resided off of CR539 downriver of Owls Bend and downriver of the Powder Mill Bridge in eastern Shannon County. We reside on our five-acre property in our 1927 cabin which we inherited from Tom's maternal ancestors. Our property is within the purchase area boundary of ONSR, and our cabin is over 600 feet from the Current River - invisible due to the oak-hickory woods and its position 300 feet uphill from the river and CR539. NPS holds a non-possessory right-of-restriction on this property as a scenic easement deed. I am a retired federal realty specialist and managed conservation easements for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for over eight years, including four years of service to NRCS Headquarters. I currently serve as a part-time contractor for NRCS Headquarters for the Easement Policy Branch as its Easement Forestry Specialist. Therefore, I know complex federal administrative law and complex land law. As a federal realty specialist, I received years of training addressing conservation easements and have years of federal experience working with landowners and lawyers to address issues with government-held restrictive easements involving monitoring, management, and enforcement.? Unfortunately, the National Park Service does not provide any training for its staff so that they can competently and legally manage and enforce NPS scenic easements and not exceed regulatory authority and federal jurisdiction. As a result of this, we have suffered many inappropriate and illegal actions by NPS and have had NPS officials stating for years that our property is "federal land".? And unfortunately, though we had our property's driveway gated and signed as per Missouri statute and though we had told NPS ONSR multiple times in writing, by email, that they were not authorized to enter our property, we suffered repeated violations of our 4th Amendment Constitutional rights over three years by three different NPS officers committing 1st-degree criminal trespass by their entry into our homestead area – our curtilage – without a warrant and without right of entry as the terms of the scenic easement provide legal entry by NPS exclusively for emergency response to wildfire or visitor safety.? And most unfortunately, the National Park Service has failed to address its own findings and decisions made in 1983 regarding the management of its scenic easements as a part of the development of the current NPS General Regulations codified at 36 CFR Chapter 1, Part 1: eCFR :: 36 CFR Chapter I – National Park Service, Department of the Interior• In the Final Rule's analysis of comments received for the establishment of these General Regulations, FR-1983-06-30.pdf, NPS published its decision at 48 FR 30253: "...If a scenic easement has been acquired, the Service will promulgate special regulations necessary to protect that interest. In all instances, every effort will be made to protect interests retained by landowner. This is in keeping with the Service's commitment to protect resources and provide for visitor use while not infringing on the rights of private property owners."•There are only three NPS units that have promulgated such special regulations, and these are as minimum zoning standards for enforcement under local zoning

ordinances. ONSR is not one of these three NPS units. Therefore, ONSR has no regulatory authority to manage or enforce the terms of the NPS scenic easement deeds. And even if NPS ONSR had promulgated special regulations, they have no authority nor legal right to enter private property for any purpose other than for emergency response to wildfire or visitor safety as per the terms of the scenic easement deed - unless they come with a warrant.

**REQUESTS FOR ACTION:** 1. Please seek a legal opinion from the State Attorney General regarding the legal park boundary of the ONSR to clarify what is the 'park boundary' vs the 'designated purchase area boundary' for further clarification of NPS jurisdictions.

2. Please consider sponsorship and passage of the "Protecting Real Property from Warrantless Searches Act" - addressing the Open Fields Doctrine under the 4th Amendment as drafted by the Institute for Justice. And though federal officials would not be bound by it in state statutes, nor even in state constitutions, it's a step in the right direction to further protect private property rights. <https://ij.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/09-22-23-Protecting-Real-Property-Warrantless-Searches-Act-1.pdf>

3. Please join us to support and request that Congressman Jason Smith sponsor, and that Congress passes, legislation as the "Ozark National Scenic Riverways Commission Reauthorization Act". (See attached draft legislation.)

Frustrated by the lack of action in response to our progression of complaints filed with NPS ONSR, NPS Regional Office in Omaha, NPS Office of Professional Responsibility, NPS Office of Accountability, DOI Office of Inspector General, and DOJ Office of Inspector General; and based on our experiences over the past four years involving NPS acts of intimidation and acts violating Constitutional law, federal administrative law, land law, and its own regulatory decisions; and based on recent precedents involving other NPS units for the re-establishment of Federal Advisory Commissions, we request your support for Congressional legislative action to re-establish the Ozark National Scenic Riverways Commission. By the re-establishment of this Commission, NPS ONSR managers and staff, affected landowners, affected area residents, affected local officials, affected state officials, and the general public will have an official public advisory forum to discuss, address, and hopefully resolve many of these and other issues – all of which negatively affect the ability of ONSR staff to fulfill their duties, negatively affect the management and operations of ONSR, and negatively affect the reputation of the National Park Service. [I will also have prints of photos and prints of draft legislation as a part of my in-person testimony on 4.8.2025.]



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How is it that this is the only federal law enforcement agency (National Park Service Ranger) that is able to enforce state laws (RSMO) with out being certified for Missouri Police Officer Standards and Training (POST). The rogue nature of the actions of the Park Rangers endanger the lives and wellbeing of our local, county and state law enforcement professionals. As a retired Military Police officer, if I would have had this attitude of law enforcement in my career it would have resulted in an international incident.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>STEVEN RAY HOGAN, SHERIFF SHANNON COUNTY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Ladies and gentlemen, Thank you for being here today. I stand before you not just as a resident of this community but as your elected Sheriff—someone who swore an oath to protect and serve each and every one of you. When I first took office, I made a promise to the people of Shannon County: You will live in peace, and I will stand beside you in the face of any government overreach that threatens your rights. This promise is one I take seriously, and it's one that has never been more important than now, as we are facing actions that I believe cross the line of lawful conduct by the National Park Service (NPS) Rangers. Our community is rich with history and beauty, and we take pride in the land we call home. But, unfortunately, the actions of some within the National Park Service are threatening to infringe upon the freedoms and rights of the very people who have lived here for generations. One of the most concerning issues we are seeing is the growing number of traffic stops conducted by NPS Rangers. These stops often involve minor infractions, like equipment violations, but quickly devolve into invasive questioning. Instead of focusing on the violation at hand, many of these encounters have seen NPS Rangers questioning citizens with intrusive, baseless accusations, asking things like, "Where are your drugs?" or "Where are your weapons?" This is unacceptable. It is not the role of law enforcement to use an equipment violation as an excuse to harass people with unfounded, sweeping questions that have no merit. This is not what law enforcement should be about. What is even more concerning is that these incidents are happening outside of the National Park Service's jurisdiction. To be clear, the NPS Rangers' jurisdiction does not extend far beyond the boundaries of the park itself. However, traffic stops and harassment are occurring many miles outside of their potential jurisdiction—an act that is both unlawful and an abuse of power. This is not just an overreach; it is an overstep that must be addressed. I want to make it clear that the Shannon County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating one of these incidents, which occurred outside the NPS's jurisdiction. We are treating this matter with the seriousness it deserves, and charges are expected to be filed in the near future by the Shannon County Prosecutor. We will ensure that those responsible for unlawful conduct will be held accountable. Our office will not stand by while any agency operates outside the bounds of the law, especially when it comes to harassing our citizens. It's also important to point out that the actions of the National Park Service Rangers are in stark contrast to the approach taken by the Shannon County Sheriff's Office and the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP). Both agencies are dedicated to protecting our citizens and respecting their rights. Unlike the NPS, we don't conduct these kinds of unjustified stops or engage in harassment. We focus on serving our community with integrity, not intimidation. As your Sheriff, it pains me to admit that I myself avoid driving through areas under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service out of fear of harassment. It's a sad day when even the Sheriff of Shannon County feels that he may be targeted simply for driving through his own county. But it's even more tragic for the people of Shannon County who have to endure this harassment multiple times a day as they go about their peaceful, everyday lives. This is not the kind of treatment any citizen

should have to endure. Let's be clear: The right to travel freely without undue harassment or infringement upon our personal rights is a fundamental one. This kind of overreach—whether from the NPS or any other agency—cannot be allowed to stand. Our citizens deserve better. They deserve to live in peace, without the constant fear of being unlawfully stopped or interrogated by overzealous officers. As your Sheriff, I will continue to stand by your side. I will fight against government overreach and ensure that your rights are protected. And as we continue our investigation into the recent unlawful traffic stop, we will make sure that justice is served. Thank you for your support, and let us work together to ensure that our community remains a place where our rights are respected and our freedoms upheld. Steven R. Hogan, SHERIFF Shannon County Sheriff's Office Office: 573-226-3615 Cell: 573-604-1118 Fax: 573-226-5561 "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."



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It is hard for me to believe that my legislators are wasting taxpayers money, time and resources to even give this blatantly unconstitutional legislation a hearing. And in front of the government efficiency committee to boot!!! Kill this bill.



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I have been a citizen of Shannon County for the last 30 years. Most of the people in support of this bill are either criminals themselves for breaking Missouri hunting and fishing laws such as a retired County Commissioner who has been in trouble multiple times with the Missouri Department of Conservation and National Park Service, or they are people that are mad they got caught with drugs and alcohol on federal land. Before I go to a new state or place I always check the rules before I go so what makes this any different? The park rangers that work this area have not only been harrassed and discriminated against since they live here. My husband is a park ranger for the last 7 years and he is Missouri Post certified. The locals of this community have dsicriminated against ANY park ranger that comes through here, and treat them poorly. If someone was to be hateful and cuss you out and call you evert name in the book would you be nice to them, probably not. We have had people say they would burn our house down because of my husbands job, we have had people steal from our house and shot our animals. The shannon county sheriff did nothing. As a citizen of shannon county, my husband was a city police officer in a neighboring town before he ever pursued becoming a park ranger. One of the other rangers was a Missouri Department of Conservation Game Warden, another just transferred into the park service from being a sheriffs deputy in another county. So these rangers in this area know Missouri state law. My husband takes pride in his job being a local, but the people of shannon county are not easy to work with, and they do not have respect for their natural resources. The locals are the ones who are ruining the area because they think they own everything and have a right to do what they want when they want no matter the law. Shannon County has a sheriff named Steve Hogan that is currently in office that has been called into his sheriffs office for beating his wife. So can you really trust what the shannon county sheriff has to say? No, he himself was let go from the missouri highway patrol so how can you trust his integrity. This is bill not going to make the citizens of shannon county's problems go away. They will continue to break fish and game laws and continue to blame the national park service for enforcing its orders that it receives from washington d.c. They will continue to call the park service out of control when they are just mad they are getting caught breaking the laws that have been in place since the park service took ownership. Blame the county road personnel for illegally making a road without checking the regulations first.



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Dear Members of the Missouri House of Representatives, I am writing to express my concerns regarding House Bill 1442, which proposes to reduce the authority of National Park Service Rangers to perform law enforcement and emergency services within our national park areas. This legislation would effectively transfer these critical responsibilities to state and local resources already struggling with inadequate staffing and resources. Last year, National Park Service Rangers responded to over 1,200 incidents within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, addressing a wide range of situations from law enforcement actions to emergency services. The loss of authority for NPS rangers to respond effectively to these incidents would place an overwhelming burden on local law enforcement agencies, many of which are already understaffed and under-resourced. The counties surrounding the Ozark National Scenic Riverways are among the poorest in the state of Missouri. These communities face significant challenges in providing adequate public safety and emergency services. Expecting local law enforcement to absorb the responsibilities currently managed by NPS Rangers, without the necessary personnel or funding to do so, will likely lead to decreased public safety and response times in critical situations. National Park Service Rangers are trained professionals equipped to handle the unique challenges of managing public safety within our national parks. They are deeply familiar with the park's landscape, regulations, and the specific needs of the visitors who frequent these areas. Reducing their authority will not only compromise the safety of park visitors but could also endanger the local communities that depend on the coordination of these efforts. I urge you to consider the negative implications of House Bill 1442 and its potential impact on the safety and well-being of both visitors to the Ozark National Scenic Riverways and the surrounding communities. Collaboration between the National Park Service and local law enforcement is essential for maintaining public safety in our shared environments. These proposed Bills appear to be in direct conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America. It seems to be land grab by a few representatives. The Federal Lands in the state of Missouri are part of what makes it a great place to live. Do your jobs! Do your research before wasting time and taxpayer money with silly Bills like these. Sincerely, James Churchman (Shannon County Resident and Lover of our Public Lands)



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The Current River National Scenic River is a jewel in Missouri that we share with visitors from all over the country. During the peak warm weather months, thousands of Missourians and tourists enjoy the natural beauty of the area. Our Missouri Conservation Agency and local officials do not have the personnel or resources to properly monitor, protect and provide for the park use. We rely on federal assistance to adequately protect this valuable resource for everyone's enjoyment.



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Our federal public land managers need more support, not more red tape to do their important work. This bill would unnecessarily limit their ability to regulate uses, enforce laws, or purchase property. I believe this will cause inefficiencies and ultimately result in natural resources that are not managed best.



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Our states natural resources and communities are more protected for having federal agencies operating the way they do now, then they would be without. The people who work for the federal government within the state of Missouri or Missouri citizens, and have the best interest for our resources, OUR COLLECTIVE RESOURCES, in mind. These are people who raise their families in the state of Missouri, who pay taxes, whose families have lived here, maybe for generations. They protect our resources and they make sure that all citizens of the state continue to be able to have access to high quality versions of them. These proposed changes would ensure that Missouri citizens have less access to natural resources and to lower quality hunting lands and gathering lands. This bill would ensure that other agencies and private organizations separate from the federal government would be stretched thinner. Especially with spending cuts due to an anticipated recession, as well as hiring freezes at the federal level. Fewer workers who already have a full plate being asked to do more work is not a recipe for better times for Missouri citizens. Our state is stronger for having a number of organizations and groups and agencies. Breaking down groups who protect these resources is not the way to make our state strong stronger. Many of the things listed in this bill already are how the federal government operates. Hunting and fishing and gathering is allowed on federal lands. People are allowed to access these lands. Sometime when rules are different it's because there's a higher level of protection that makes these lands even better than other areas. I see collaborative efforts between federal agencies and state agencies almost every single day in my job. These collaborations are why the natural resource work in this state is strong. The people of the state are passionate about natural resources and passing this bill would go directly against the present past and future voices of the people. In regards to the property tax being collected, please consider that the federal lands in the state of Missouri bring in so many tourists and by extension so much revenue. The entire state benefits from this already. By limiting what federal agencies can do, by adding more red tape and more bureaucracy, small businesses will suffer, especially in towns that rely on tourist seasons.



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April 8, 2025 Chairman Ben Baker House Government Efficiency 201 W Capitol Ave. RM 302-1 Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman Baker and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. We would like to use this opportunity to urge you to reject HB 1442, as it would significantly undermine environmental protections and create a nest of unintended consequences for Missouri's natural resources. HB 1442, if enforced, would severely impair the ability of federal agencies to fulfill their statutory responsibilities to protect public lands and natural resources within Missouri. The bill's provisions would subordinate federal environmental standards to state management plans, potentially weakening protections for sensitive ecosystems in places like the Ozark National Scenic Riverways and Mark Twain National Forest. Further, HB 1442 would prohibit federal agencies from implementing new regulations without General Assembly consent, creating bureaucratic gridlock that prevents timely response to environmental threats resulting in an adversarial rather than cooperative relationship between state and federal resource managers. This bill raises serious legal issues that would likely result in costly litigation. It appears to violate the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution by attempting to nullify federal regulations. The bill's claim that "the state of Missouri asserts ownership of all surface and groundwater within its boundaries" contradicts established federal water rights. Similarly, the assertion of state control over mineral rights beneath federal lands conflicts with federal property rights established through decades of legal precedent. These provisions would inevitably draw Missouri into expensive legal battles that the state is unlikely to win. This legislation poses specific threats to Missouri's environment. By asserting state control over water resources and limiting federal enforcement, the bill could weaken protections for Missouri's rivers, streams, and groundwater. Federal wildlife refuges and conservation areas protect critical habitat for numerous species, and this bill could fragment management approaches and reduce protections. National forests in Missouri provide essential ecosystem services including carbon sequestration, clean water, and wildlife habitat, but this bill could prioritize short-term resource extraction over long-term sustainability. By limiting federal enforcement capabilities, the bill could indirectly impact air quality monitoring and enforcement as well. HB 1442 would ultimately harm the very resources it claims to protect. Missouri's natural heritage belongs to all Missourians and all Americans. This bill would create jurisdictional confusion, weaken environmental safeguards, and likely lead to costly litigation. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to reject House Bill 1442. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott, JD Director of Policy and Strategy Missouri Coalition for the Environment mvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111





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As someone born and raised in Missouri, I am opposed to HB 1442. While I now live out of state, I continue to visit family in Missouri and enjoy the federal public lands in the state. This bill is deeply flawed in its stance towards federal lands. For starters, this bill fails to acknowledge that the U.S. Department of Defense is one of the federal agencies that owns land Missouri. In fact, the DoD is second behind the U.S. Forest Service in the amount of land, accounting for more than either the National Park Service or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The bill makes no distinction between lands owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and those of other military branches. The provisions of this bill would be burdensome to all these federal agencies, including the DoD. The bill is disingenuous by referring to "federally designated areas" or "federally managed lands." These are federally OWNED properties. As such, they are covered by the Property Clause of the U.S. Constitution (Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2): "The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States." This bill directly contradicts case law related to the Property Clause. For instance, no state may tax federal property (Van Brocklin v. Tennessee, 117 U.S. 151, 1886). It is also clear that states may not rely on their purported ownership of surface water to thwart federal authority granted under the Commerce Clause. The bill's assertion of state ownership of all surface water contradicts federal jurisdiction over navigable waters as exercised by USACE for flood control in multiple locations within the state. This bill seems designed to put Missouri on a collision course with federal agencies over their regulatory powers authorized by Congress and upheld by case law. This bill would unnecessarily set up antagonistic relationships, putting local law enforcement and state agencies in jurisdictional battles with their federal counterparts. It is based upon the the false premise that public lands and their managers are adversaries rather than assets.



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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill, HB1442. I am commenting today as a private citizen, resident of Carter County and private landowner in Carter County. I am 6th generation, and my family has been in Carter County since the late 1790s. I also serve on the Carter County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund Board, and I am a supporter of our local Sheriff's Dept. I would like to voice my opposition to this bill. There are several provisions regarding law enforcement — I am opposed to these additional layers of bureaucracy proposed in this legislation. Additionally, our local Sheriff's Department does not have the funding or manpower to address the needs of the park visitors or to enforce the needed rules to protect our public lands. They already have a huge job just covering the county on very limited resources. I live on M highway in Van Buren and have a bird's eye view of the activity on the river, in the gap outside of park boundaries. I see behavior that is absolutely disgraceful. Intoxicated people abusing each other, foul language, trespassing, and obscene behavior abounds. The Highway Patrol has very limited visibility on this section. Some of the folks are so intoxicated when they get out at City Park and the Landing that they cannot even hardly walk. The last thing I want to do is to meet one of those individuals on the road. When I swim and hike within the park boundaries, I rarely encounter this type of extreme behavior. I also see NPS Park Rangers having a much larger presence which I think deters bad behavior. Do I like when they have my road shut down to do sobriety checks during the summer? I will agree it's a hassle; however, it is absolutely needed. The NPS Park Rangers provide a valuable service to our community not only do they protect our public lands, but they also protect the people that live in this community. They provide essential back up to our city and county emergency responders. I have personally been rescued during a flooding event by NPS Park Rangers responding to help the community. I think this bill is misguided and that it will lead to inefficiency, increased costs for our community, and an increase in crime on the river.



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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill, HB1442. I am commenting today as a private citizen, resident of Dent County, private landowner in Shannon County, and life-long user of public lands in the Ozarks. I would like to voice my opposition to this bill. There are several concerning provisions: 1. Limiting federal agency ability to regulate uses of the land for which they have jurisdiction — Adding additional layers of state bureaucracy to this already public process would only decrease efficiency. Federal agencies already have rigorous public involvement and comment processes. If they propose a change in use, then the public have sufficient opportunity to comment on those proposed changes. I believe adding additional oversight would only make our federal agencies LESS responsive to public needs rather than more responsive. 2. There are several provisions regarding law enforcement — I am opposed to these additional layers of bureaucracy proposed in this legislation. My experience recreating on federal public land is that there is barely enough law enforcement to keep civil behavior in order. I grew up in Missouri and float trips down the Ozark National Scenic Riverways are not the same as 40 years ago. There are times of the year and certain stretches of the river (namely those that are outside the federal boundary), I avoid because of the drunken, unruly, and crowded nature of those places. With the number of times I have seen intoxicated people get out of their kayak or canoe and then get into a vehicle, I am glad to see the law enforcement presence, doing their best to keep the Park and the roads safer for ALL visitors to the region. My direct experience with law enforcement has been positive. I was personally in need of assistance and a ranger happened to pass by and was able to help. This bill does not support law enforcement and creates additional barriers to keeping our area safe. I've lived in Carter and Dent counties, and own property in Shannon County. We are communities with limited resources, including for law enforcement. I view the presence of federal law enforcement officers as a positive for our communities. They have difficult jobs and this bill would only compound that difficulty. I listened to the testimony provided to the Transportation committee. If you are interested in learning more facts about those cases, I would encourage you to contact the park. 3. I am concerned about the provision related to the sale of land to federal agencies. As a private landowner, I view this as an infringement on my personal rights. If I am a willing seller, then I should not have to receive some additional local approval to sell my land. I do not support this provision of the bill as it impacts my rights as a private landowner, in addition to the additional bureaucracy it creates. 4. There are provisions related to mining, wildlife, and other natural resources. These provisions could be confusing in light of existing state and federal regulations governing those same resources and could result in confusion among those responsible for following them. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your service to the public. Respectfully, Rebecca Landewe



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I have mixed feelings about this bill. Missouri does an overall good job of managing natural resources, but so do federal agencies. I believe the emphasis on subsistence activities is intended to let people do things like hunt feral hogs and dig roots on federal lands and hunt in ONSR, none of which I believe are necessary for "subsistence" of very people. Furthermore, Rep Mayhew's mention of doing this in regard to Pres Trump's DOGE actions worries me greatly.



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I have questions regarding of how this will effect Payments in Lieu of Taxes from the federal government which funds our local communities. I am also concerned how this will effect our national parks and the possible negative ecological impact.