

## Matthew Photides

I have lived near, and floated on, the Buffalo National River for the entirety of my life. This river has provided life lessons in ecology, wildlife, and nature that are hard taught in so many other areas due to the destruction of what makes this river so perfect which is its inherit and pristine natural beauty. This was recognized early on to prevent damning and other industrialization in the area and should be continued to this day and in the future. While a farm may benefit a few economically, the impact that it will cause will be much worse than any benefit could outweigh. This area must remain free from factors that could damage what was so hard fought to keep, even at the risk of losing a few dollars.