

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Thank you, I am a semi-retired teacher of biology and life sciences and have been witnessing environmental degradation and loss of habitat for decades now. All my life. It always seems to be a losing battle as we win one protection, and then some Wall Street types start in, the very next day, with lobbyists and buying off politicians to undermine and undo all the work we've done. They just. Do. Not. Care. But, I do. And the kids I teach, do. So please, don't give in to the pressure of those "economics" lies. We need those canyon oaks and black walnut trees more than we can even imagine. Resilient ecosystems are the hedge we need against warming temperatures (speaking of ignoring ecology in favor of economics). Restoration of these habitats and expansion of those trees should be the priority, not the other way around! It's so backward and short-sighted to destroy what is living for a short-term thrill or the elusive economic gain of a greedy few. Thank you and please take heart in what this old teacher has to say. I implore you, John Jorgensen