

Seven Hills Rod & Gun Club

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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Protect Bullock Pen Lake

The Seven Hills Rod and Gun Club is a business that has been around for over fifty years, and the main focus or "star of the show" if you will, is and has always been Bullock Pen Lake. This campsite and business has over fifty years of memories, past and present, and hopefully the future. Our members are deeply concerned for the future of the lake, not only for our business but the environment, recreation, and property value.

Speaking for myself and members of the SHRGC, we feel that there are better options for this project other than draining the lake. If anything, we implore the BPWD to take the time and really do your research. When thinking about this project, and the one thing that stands out more than the money aspect (business, property value. Etc), really comes down to the environment and wildlife habitats.

The environment and wildlife habitats surrounding Bullock Pen Lake should be the most important thing that should not be overlooked when it comes to this project. Lake ecosystems are already fragile and face serious threats from human activities which lead to a decline of environmental functions. Lakes are a natural purification and is an environmental benefit, trapping excess sedimentary material that contains harmful pollutants carried by runoff. Fish, birds to reptiles and amphibians, lakes provide a habitat for a vast array of wildlife that couldn't survive anywhere else. Migratory birds, such as geese require these habitats, as well as other endangered species.

The state of Kentucky should not be another statistic on paper who carelessly ruined the environment and wildlife habitats without the consideration of the damage it could cause. Business owners, property owners, etc. are able to voice their concerns. But the wildlife? They are our main concern, and the people surrounding the lake will be forced to look at the damage of ecosystems and the dying of wildlife because nobody took the time to really think about the cause and effects of this project.

Cathy Lorenz – President of Seven Hills Rod & Gun Club