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Red River Gorge Management Planning-Administrative Change

Mr. Kazmierski:

The Red River Gorge is a cherished place to many recreational and nature enthusiasts. However, the number of annual visitors has increased to the point where natural areas are being degraded from overuse, and in some cases, abuse by vandals.

I have recently attended a few meetings concerning these problems and what the U.S. Forest Service proposes to accomplish in addressing and remediating the problems. One proposal I learned of was the closure of a number of front-country and back-country designated camping sites (mostly located off trails). I strongly advocate this measure so as to allow some of these areas to recover from overuse.

It my sincere hope that the U.S. Forest Service takes whatever measure necessary to preserve and restore these areas.

John McKnight