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Comments: My name is Taylor Woodard and my husband and I along with our daughter own 91 acres above Sweetwater Lake. We purchased the property about 7 years ago and have fallen in love with the beauty that surrounds this remote destination.

We have spent the last 20 years of our career in advertising and had the great opportunity to support the community on a documentary highlighting the history, heritage and legacy that this area has created. Through the stories that were captured it is clear that this is such an unbelievably treasured spot that should be celebrated and preserved which unfortunately doesn't seem to be at the forefront of the governments mind currently.

Throughout our time here we have been shocked to see how the events of the state park have unfolded. I was a fan of Mr. Polis and was saddened to see that he allowed this to happen on his watch. This was a complete shock to our entire community.

Why has due diligence not been done. What community outreach, planning or forecasting has been completed? I can't imagine you thought that there wouldn't be pushback?

There are so many elements that need to be considered - this isn't a cookie cutter approach - there are nuances to creating an infrastructure such as a state park and so many factors that seem to have been overlooked.

We owe it to our community and to our state to re-consider the current approach. Step back, think through this and really assess if this is the RIGHT thing to do? Can you in good conscious feel good about going against what the community is telling you they DON'T want? Have you truly assessed all of the objections the community has laid out (that should have been addressed way in advance of this designation in the first place)?

If this were your home - would you want this? Map out the pros / cons and tell us that you would support this for your community when you hear all of the detailed nuances to all of the key factors that will be impacted by this state park.

We hope that you will address ALL of the incredible letters that this community has written and understand the true eco-system that makes up Sweetwater Lake and what is really right for this area and what is right for the future of this land and it's people.