

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0403

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am respectfully requesting funding for the Lake Wedington Recreation Area in the fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. The Forest Office is located at 605 West Main, Russellville, Arkansas, 72801.

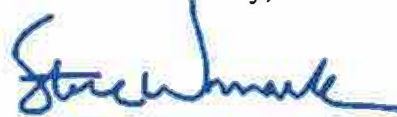
Lake Wedington Recreation Area is a recreation area on the National Register of Historic Places located on Lake Wedington, a 102-acre lake located just 13 miles west of Fayetteville, Arkansas, on State Highway 16. It is currently closed until further notice due to deteriorating infrastructure conditions. This project would address the outdated conditions of the water and wastewater systems of the recreation area to ensure there is access to potable water and the wastewater treatment plant meets current environmental standards.

This project would allow the forest service to make significant strides in reopening the Lake Wedington Recreation Area and provide the community and thousands of tourists each year with an outdoor recreation space they can enjoy once again. Tourism plays a large role in the economic vitality of Arkansas, and outdoor recreation is a major attraction for residents and visitors of northwest Arkansas specifically. By completing this project, the forest service can ensure that visitors of Lake Wedington Recreation Area have access to potable water and wastewater systems would be up to date and ready for use.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the project.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack