

Dear Mr. Durham:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 5, 2002, in which you discussed the role of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) in several Corps of Engineers projects.

The Commission values greatly the vital roles the AGFC representatives perform on interagency environmental planning teams such as those established for the Grand Prairie and Bayou Meto projects. AGFC participation on these environmental teams is facilitating the development of environmentally sensitive Corps projects. The Commission is very appreciative of the AGFC's willingness to partner with the Corps on Section 1135 and Section 206 restoration projects to benefit fish and wildlife resources.

The Commission understands that the AGFC and other agencies are close to signing a study cost-sharing agreement for the White River Basin Comprehensive Study. The Corps is very supportive of this important study because it would provide the AGFC, Corps, and other agencies valuable information that could be used to better manage the White River Basin and to enhance and restore its natural resources.

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Thank you again for your presentation. The Commission appreciates receiving your comments and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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Commission

