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## Oppose Glade

I (was) not be able to attend the Glade Reservoir public hearings. So, instead of being able to speak about this issue in person, I am writing this letter.

There are approximately 75,000 dams over 6 feet high in the United States (and about 65,000 over 20 feet); estimates put small dams at more than 2 million. Dams and diversions kill fish and forests, inundate human and nonhuman homes, domesticate rivers, and severely impact local and regional ecologies. The proposed Glade Reservoir is simply another element in a system that demands ever-increasing control and manipulation of natural and wild places and beings.

Opposition to the Glade Reservoir is not only opposition to this single project and its outcomes; it is opposition to a system that declares all of the natural world an object to be used for commercial gain. The Glade Reservoir is being proposed because of calculated profit through development, consumption and a lifestyle bent on acquisition and privilege. As we stand together to oppose this continuation of a destructive culture and lifestyle, we must also look at our own lives and how we fit into the maintenance of this culture of control and profit.

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