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Denise

This is a comment on the WRP rule from a private landowner sent to my email.

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I was trying to state my thoughts on the WRP Final Rule. I could not find the correct site for this comment. Please allow me to say this and I hope I do not take up to much of your time.

I am a landowner who did not participate in the WRP. I have watched the program develope since it began into something I don't think it was intended. Good farm land was put in WRP and out of productivity by land sharks that bought the land simply to have the USDA pay for the land. The price paid was less than what USDA paid the new landowner. This program has cost US taxpayers billions of dollars for something that it really was not intended.

Why doesn't the NRCS evaluate the land as productive or non productive and use only land that has little or no productive value. Good crop land is laid aside with ponds dug and trees planted that will take years to produce anything it ever.

Our tax dollars are being waisted on programs that have good value when started but are not managed properly. I don't know who came up with the idea, probably DU but we need to stop the WRP from destroying good productive farm land. Let the land do what it was put here for and not to raise ducks.

Thank you for listening to my complaint.

Philip Calvit
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