

SIERRA CLUB FILES MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT IN SUIT OVER DELAYS FOR ARKANSAS CLEAN AIR PROTECTIONS

Filing urges federal court to set deadline for EPA to finalize protections for wilderness areas against coal pollution after years of delay

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. -- The Sierra Club today filed a motion for summary judgment in its federal lawsuit to enforce clean air safeguards aimed to clean up the air in national wilderness areas and other federal lands in Arkansas and Missouri largely caused by coal-fired power plants. The lawsuit alleges that the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency neglected its duties to create and finalize a plan to reduce air pollution that causes haze.

“A bipartisan Congress and a Republican president ordered the EPA and states to protect our national parks and federal lands from air pollution with the 1990 Clean Air Act. After more than 20 years, Arkansas and the EPA have failed,” said **Glen Hooks, Director of the Sierra Club’s Arkansas Chapter**. “The bottom line is that for years neither the state nor the EPA followed the law -- nothing got moving on this issue until Sierra Club filed suit.”

Without a federal plan, Arkansas’s Caney Creek wilderness area and Upper Buffalo River area, as well as the Hercules Glades wilderness area in the Mark Twain National Forest of southern Missouri, lack common sense protections.

“Our members hike, camp, canoe, and enjoy the beauty of the Upper Buffalo and Caney Creek areas - - and those activities are negatively affected by haze pollution,” said **Dr. Bob Allen, Vice-Chair of the Sierra Club’s Arkansas Chapter**. “Enjoying our beautiful state, and using every legal means to protect it, is Sierra Club's entire reason for being.”

The Sierra Club’s brief in support of motion for summary judgment can be found [here](#).

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