

Hi, my name is Sam Worsham and I manage the Potholes General Store about a mile from MarDon Resort, on the Potholes Reservoir. Our business is greatly supported by tourism dollars.

I would like to talk a little bit about last year. In January of 2009 I went to my buying show, where I buy all the product I will sell in the store during that year. At the show, they had a really cheap price on Cutter Bug Spray. The cheapest I've seen in years. So, being the forward thinking manager I am, I bought a 2 year supply.

In June the airplane, that sprays for mosquitos, in our area broke down. At least that is the story I was told. The plane was down for 3 weeks. Within that three week period the mosquitos became so bad that I sold out of my 2 year supply of bug spray and had to order more. Customers were coming in the store buying 3 or 4 cans at a time plus citrinella candles and moquito sticks. That would happen on a Friday, when they arrived for their weekend camping trip. By Saturday, those same people came in to buy pop and water for their return trip home because they just couldn't take the mosquitos anymore!

*we definitely got a taste of what life would be like w/out spraying for mosquitos.*

At night the mosquitos were so bad in the store that my employees would have to spray down with bug spray just to get through their shift. We tried all the old wives tales to keep them out: Vinegar on the doors, pledge on doors, dryer sheets, bug spray. Needless to say, nothing worked.

When the plane finally went back to spraying life became enjoyable again! By not spraying the moquitos you will not only affect our lifestyle but also our lively hood! The survival of our business greatly depends on the tourism of our area. Without people out enjoying all that this part of Grant County has to offer our business will not survive. So my question to you is, Will the DOE reimburse us for the loss of revenue your lack of spraying will create? Thank you for your time.