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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Skeptical of Canyon's care

Regarding the "My Turn" column Monday by Lisa Force, "Canyon's recovery must rest on science":

Will somebody at *The Republic* please get out and do a story with the

local business people who are being forced out of their jobs by pork-barrel science.

I own and operate a small fishing guide service at Lees Ferry below Glen Canyon Dam. The Grand Canyon Trust cannot be trusted to be the keeper of the flame for the safety of the environment in the Canyon.

What sense does it make to kill a non-native fish for a native fish when the environmental climate has been altered for the good of the state? We're suffering in Arizona for the tourist industry, so we help it along by trying to kill a world-class tourist attraction?

The people who live and work on the river in a variety of endeavors know that the humpback chub are dying because of the tampering with the dam flows. I'm tired of seeing baby beavers drown, the swallows all but disappear and the Peregrine falcon hammer the songbird because the swallows' food chain has been tampered with.

As you are forced to let your lawn burn up this year, remember this: we are wasting water to flush trout eggs during a 1,000-year drought.

— **Bill McBurney**
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