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June 26, 2014

Mr. Doug Szenher
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Public Outreach and Assistance Division
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118

RE: Proposed ban on CAFOs within the
Buffalo River Watershed

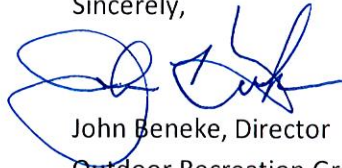
Dear Mr. Szenher:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment regarding a proposed ban on new medium and large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations within the Buffalo River Watershed. Our agency is supportive of measures such as this that will help protect the river's wild and scenic character.

The Buffalo National River is an extremely valuable asset to our state for tourism. Tourism in the Natural State accounts for over \$5 billion per year in positive economic impact. The National Park estimates that over one million people visit the Buffalo National River each year contributing over 40 million dollars per year in travel generated revenue. Protecting the water quality of this river is crucial to future tourism in this area of our state.

Please feel free to contact me at 501-682-1301 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John Beneke, Director
Outdoor Recreation Grants Program