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Subject: Buffalo River, Arkansas's Scenic Wonder.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the AR Dept. of Environmental Quality,

Please weigh the value of the Buffalo River scenic, tourist vacation destination - pure and clean and undeveloped - against potentially polluted, smelly, ugly hog farms. Well, let's see. How many millions of dollars come into that region when groups of river floaters pack up and spend a weekend in North Arkansas? How many children learn what it means to live the "Natural State" and want to stay here? How much publicity does the state get from this gift of nature?

The state spends a lot of dollars advertising the unspoiled beauty of Arkansas. We as Arkansans can't let what is part of our heritage be spoiled by contamination of our water resources, both for drinking and for recreation. Public health demands that we are good stewards of what we've been given.

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is in a position to maintain the quality of the Buffalo River or to damage it far into the future. I hope and pray you do the right thing and severely limit hog farming along the Buffalo River waterways.

Gratefully,

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