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Subject: Petition to Ban New Large Hog Operations in Buffalo River Watershed

I support the petition to ban new large hog operations in the Buffalo River Watershed. First because of concerns about public health, second because of the spectacular intrinsic worth of the free-flowing Buffalo River, third because of the treasure the Buffalo River is to Arkansans as a recreational wonderland, and fourth because of the superior economic value of tourism. The experience of these large hog operations in other states has been almost all negative, in some case providing horrific examples of environmental damage. Why would we repeat that experience, especially in the karst make up of the Buffalo River region? This ban is absolutely essential to Arkansas and its people.

Thank you.

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