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We are writing to support the Ozark Society's third-party rule-making petition to ban new medium and large confined swine operations in the Buffalo National River watershed by amending Arkansas Pollution and Control and Ecology Commission Regulations 5 and 6.

Having used the Buffalo River for outdoor recreation for years, we are aware what a national treasure it is. Putting any additional swine operation(s) in the drainages to the river will potentially compromise its water quality, especially given the new climate realities we are facing: severe drought and extra heavy wet periods coming in cycles. Twice in the last seven years, large crowds showed up at Beaver Dam in Carroll County to watch the equivalent of seven Great Falls of the Yellowstone come over the overflow chutes at the Dam. Short of actually treating the hog waste with a wastewater treatment plant, there is little chance that the manure will be fully contained in holding ponds or by land application.

Thank you,

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