

June 26, 2014

Mr. Doug Szenher  
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Public Outreach & Assistance Division  
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Dear Mr. Szenher,

Please adopt the amendment to the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulations 5 & 6, that would ban new medium and large confined swine operations in the Buffalo National River watershed.

I find it hard to believe that one of these operations is now placed within walking distance of the river, let alone in the greater watershed area. We desperately need a moratorium on these "hog farms" until the full ramifications of the effect on rivers, groundwater, wells, and springs has been fully understood.

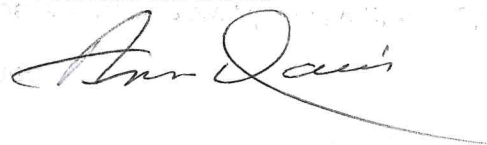
In addition, I would contend that there needs to be an awareness of what will occur to the ponds in the event of flooding. Surely there are alternative locations for operations such as these that would not impact a natural treasure which, incidentally, produces millions of dollars in tourism revenue each season.

Thank you for your attention. I remain

Sincerely yours,



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