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Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission
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To whom it may concern,

I understand the PC&E Commission has cow-towed to the environmental fringe who believes a hog farm 6 miles from the Buffalo River has put the general public in such danger that they are putting a halt to all future farming operations in the entire watershed, including those operating on private, not public, lands.

If you are looking for the source of any manure that makes its way into the Buffalo River, I would suggest you spend more time looking at the native species roaming free, unconfined, in the watershed, such as elk, deer, raccoons, possums, and, yes, wild hogs. These animals not only leave droppings and waste in the watershed, they have the freedom to do it while standing in the Buffalo River.

How is it that something so obvious can escape the outrage of the environmental stewards who are now raising such a stink over confined hogs in the Buffalo?

These people are misguided, and the PC&E Commission is being misled by them. I ask you to stand up for common sense and what is right.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Blasdel Jr.", written in dark ink.

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