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Subject: Buffalo River Watershed CAFO Ban

I strongly support banning new medium to large-size Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in the Buffalo River watershed.

The Buffalo River watershed has karst geology. Waste from large/medium animal feeding operations pollute the interconnected surface water, ground water, springs and wells. Current regulations allow waste ponds to leak up to 5000 gallons per day per acre. I am a microbiologist and am appalled that such pollution is allowed! Also allowing the application of millions of gallons of hog waste to be applied to fields is NOT appropriate in the Buffalo River watershed, where the soil is thin. I have personally experienced many rain events in the Ozarks. Heavy rains (which are frequent in the late fall & spring) will flush hog waste into the Buffalo River's tributaries and into the Buffalo.

The Buffalo River is a national treasure. My husband and I decided to move to Arkansas after vacationing on that river. Please let's prevent anymore CAFOs from polluting the Buffalo River.

Sincerely,

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