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Thank you for an opportunity to comment on proposed regulation affecting medium and large CAFO's in the Buffalo River watershed. Over Memorial Day weekend, 2014, I had the pleasure of paddling with 50 other lowans on the Buffalo River. We camped for a week and paddled or hiked every day. We purchased a lot of stuff including firewood, kegs of local beer, groceries , rented kybos and even hired a local musician to perform at our campsite. We had a marvelous time and I tell my friends at home they should visit Arkansas. Over the weekend the river was full of local people and families paddling, tubing, fishing and picnicking. The attractions that brought me and my friends were the beautiful countryside, the grasses, bushes and trees that lined the river and the clear, clean water. I wish Iowa rivers and streams were as clean as the Buffalo. Please don't make the mistake Iowa makes by ignoring the great tourism economic impact by allowing CAFO's into the watershed and destroying the clarity of the water and the sweet smell of your forests and parks.

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