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Subject:

I urge you to adopt the new rules on allowing hog farms in the Buffalo River Watershed. It is quite evident that leakage from existing waste holding ponds as well as run-off, infiltration into the karst sub-layer, or flooding of the spray fields all pose significant threats to the high quality waters of the Buffalo.

In addition, the odors that are being experienced by local people and by visitors will not present the image we have always presented to the world as the very first National River of the United States of America. It is quite evident that other regions of the country have ruined their water resources by allow CAFOs in their watersheds. How this ever was overlooked by concerned citizens is beyond me. The amount of time given for citizen review was really inadequate.

I have worked for both Buffalo National River an NRCS and was very alarmed to find out that the hog farm

permit was supported and approved without the knowledge of the National Park Service. The two agencies share the same building in Harrison, and it is beyond me how this could have happened. I found both agencies to be very professional and concerned with environmental protection.

Please support the changes to the rules that will prevent further degradation of the Buffalo National River. You may say that it has not occurred; but, changes in weather patterns present a threat that was not even considered with the allowing of this permit. Please support these changes to the rules.

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