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Dear ADEQ,

I believe that sound science should allow a property owner to utilize their land for whatever type of Agriculture they want to participate in. We currently have laws that are set to protect waterways of Arkansas while also allowing an individual to use their property to farm under best management practices.

Fear of the what ifs.. has a group of individuals that want to play in the waters of the Buffalo River Watershed ,while stopping farming practices that have occurred for 200 years. Preventing future facilities for livestock production in the watershed prevents individuals from making a living raising livestock, eg swine,poultry,dairy,beef . If groups are interested in protecting the watershed then they need to work with the tourist that leave their trash and fecal/urine in the river; the municipalities and National Park that dump their sewage discharges directly into the river; and Game and Fish commission on figuring out how to keep elk, feral hogs and other wildlife out of the river.

Any future land owner who would like to make a living from a confined livestock operations should certainly have that ability and to make a living from the land. They should go through the permitting process that currently is accepted by EPA and the State without it already being determined that livestock operations can not be constructed in an area that has seen livestock farming for generations.

Please leave the permitting process as is and do not make a permanent moratorium on future Reg 5 or Reg 6 Facilities in the Buffalo River Watershed.

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