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Greetings!

I am a native Missourian and a soon-to-be tax payer in Arkansas, having recently purchased property in the Little Buffalo River watershed. I was shocked and in awe to learn of the CAFO in operation along Big Creek and continue to wonder how such a situation might occur. How and why the decision to place this type of operation so close to pristine and beloved water works seems counter intuitive. In light of other catastrophic current events in our nation surrounding water issues, I have to believe (hope) the local operators of this hog factory wish they had used some other site as a place to do business! Can this conflict be remedied?

Without being repetitious about facts and information already put forth, what can the river do to protect itself from degradation? Do the citizens of Arkansas and beyond sit idly by while the destructive operations of big business put their toes to the line of the Buffalo River Region? No! I relive the memories over all the years my family has enjoyed the clean, clear water of the Buffalo River. I owe it to the state of Arkansas to make my voice heard especially because the river has no voice.

What prevents a state agency from determining that mistakes/oversights have been made and act to correct said? Does the state of Arkansas have the integrity and metal to push back against harmful forces? What about the Arkansas values of clean water, air and land? Please reconsider the 2016 proposed 303-d listing of water bodies in Arkansas, in particular Mill Creek-Upper Buffalo-Newton County-Big Creek. That will send the message that the voices have been heard.

Please consider what can be done to save this diamond in the great state of Arkansas. In the words of Thomas Hart Benton, "Let the river be."

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment,
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