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It's imperative that the following four impaired water bodies - two segments of Big Creek and two segments of the Buffalo River - should be **changed from Category 4b** (as currently listed) **to Category 5** on the Draft 2018 Impaired Waterbodies list. Waste from the thousands of hogs at C&H is spread on farm lands adjacent to Big Creek and contributes to the pollution and algae build-up in Big Creek (a tributary to Buffalo River). Our country's first national river, the Buffalo River, draws people in from all over the country for recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, and paddling. Without "proactive, stringent, and enforceable measures," the water quality of Big Creek and the Buffalo River will continue to deteriorate. **Please include Big Creek and the impaired sections of Buffalo River in Category 5.**

I have referenced an article from the Editorial page (6B) of the NWA Democrat Gazette, September 8, 2018, written by Tracie Pape (Bull Shoals)

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