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It is not scientifically possible for the Hog Farm at Mt. Judea with its vast amount of hog manure to not impact the water in the Buffalo River negatively.

The amount of revenue brought into Newton and surrounding counties far outweighs the revenue brought in by the Hog Farm. I do however think it is sad that it comes to money in situations like this. The fact that Arkansas touts out the "Natural State" as its motto should be enough.

The Buffalo River and its watershed was taken by the National Park service in an effort to keep it clean and pristine for future generations. This Hog Farm is not conducive to that goal. I myself never swim below Carver anymore because I feel certain that the water is not clean enough for myself and certainly not for children. 10 years ago NW Arkansas proudly had the cleanest rivers in the state. Can we say this now of the Buffalo with a factory farm pumping manure onto the watershed? I think not.

I feel that it should be the decision of the State of Arkansas to phase out the C&H Hog Farm and disallow any further factory farming anywhere within the Buffalo River watershed. It is the only sane thing to do for our river, for our county and for future generations. It's our river, let's keep it clean and pristine as it is advertised to be.

Sincerely,
Karen Bartle