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I know there are many people against the hog farm that is trying to gain some type of permit to stay in long-term operation, near the Buffalo River. While I do not know the specifics of the permit, I do know that the farm provides jobs not only for the local area around Mt. Judea but also across the state and even the nation. I consider myself an extreme/avid outdoorsman and while I love enjoying the Buffalo River as a resource I personally do not feel that the hog farm is a threat to my enjoyment of any natural resource in the state.

I know the human nature of any person is to always express doubt about any situation. In many instances I feel that this may not be a bad thing. In this situation I do feel that it is expressing doubt for an unnecessary reason, there are many other issues that could bring up doubt beside a small hog farm in the middle of rural Arkansas. For example, Arkansas Nuclear One or any pipeline that we have in our state. Both of these facilities and systems have had problems in the past but yet we continue to operate them because they have become depended upon. While there could be consequences at the hog farm in Mt. Judea if something were to drastically fail, the effects it would have are not near the negative effects that would transpire if one of the two above mentioned facilities or systems were to fail.

It is my vote as a citizen of Arkansas and as someone who has a great passion for the outdoors that you would grant the necessary permit required to keep the hog farm operational to support the local farmer trying to make a living for himself, his family, his workers, their family and the other people dependent on the hog farm.

As a proud American and Arkansan,

Austin J. Brown