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To: <u>Water Draft Permit Comment</u>

Subject: C&H permit

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For the following reasons, I respectfully add my voice to those calling for the new permit for C&H farms to be denied.

The original permit was issued without sufficient testing, public input, or consultation with those charged with managing the Buffalo National River.

The Buffalo River is a state and national treasure. It draws thousands to the area to enjoy the outdoors and brings significant economic benefit to an economically challenged area. The beauty, health, and economic benefit of the river is threated by increased nitrogen and phosphorus levels in the watershed even if there is not catastrophic leak from the collection basins. Should those fail, though perhaps unlikely, the damage to the river and the local economy is difficult to estimate, but it would be catastrophic.

We need farms, and I affirm the rights of area families to use their land gainfully. HOWEVER, to allow any business, whether operated by a family or large corporation, to externalize the negative impacts of their business onto surrounding lands is , in effect, a tax imposed to the benefit of those companies.

We depend on state agencies to protect the interests of ALL citizens in the state. This certainly includes those who run C&H Farms, but it also includes others who want to enjoy the Buffalo River for generations to come.

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