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To Mr. Moery and others,

I am not a native of the Natural State, but I have visited and stayed on the Buffalo National River for three months. It is truly a special place where I felt at home in the charming mountain towns and was welcomed by the people who call that land their home. I am an avid outdoorsman and a student of geology with a fascination for landscapes known for their caves and karst features. My only complaint is that I smelled like a cow after swimming in a tributary of the river. That's not a joke, in fact it was alarming and I didn't swim again.

Arkansas and the Buffalo National River is one of the most dense cave & karst regions in our country. I am familiar with Arkansas' scientific literature surrounding how water is transported through these karst systems and I am certain that a large factory animal farm producing large masses of waste is a detriment to the quality of the water over time. Many leading scientists agree, including professors at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and State Geologist Thomas Aley. Think of it as a massive drainage pipe with no ability for filtration.

I understand farming is important in Arkansas, but so is tourism and the health of the people who visit. I ask that you please keep the farms local and the water clean.

Thank you,  
Blake Stone