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Subject: [BULK] C&H Hog Farm Permit
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To Whom It Concerns;

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Yet, there is an even more weighty reason to deny this permit. Any supposed gain from a business such as C&H to the Arkansas economy, is completely dwarfed by the potential loss through tourism and recreation. Since 1970 I have spent literally more than thousand days on all portions of the Buffalo. My wife, my children, my grandchildren, my friends have been brought to and enjoyed this unparalleled gift from God. Even since leaving Arkansas in 1977, I return four to eight times a year - every year - to bring family and friends to share the unsoiled beauty that is this river. The gas, lodging, supplies and local services we purchase support Arkansas and its local businesses reliably every year; promoting this "Land of Opportunity" by sharing its Natural Beauty with out of state friends and family. Hopefully the continued unsoiled natural beauty and untainted waters of the Buffalo River will continue to flow, and continue to call my wife and I, our descendants and friends back to this unique treasure.

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