

Dear Governor and ADEQ,

Re Comments: Deny C&H Hog Farm Permit

I sincerely believe you would like to protect the Buffalo National River which is the center point of our tourism trade in Arkansas. I request that you do the following because I believe they are reasonable and doable actions.

New evidence by the United States Geological Survey show that the dissolved oxygen necessary for aquatic life is impaired on Big Creek, a major tributary of the Buffalo.

This corroborates evidence submitted by the National Park Service last year that Big Creek is an impaired stream.

Therefore please act to

- • NOT allow renewal C&H's hog factory farm Reg. 6 or Reg. 5 permits. This hog operation should never have been permitted by ADEQ.
- • Implement a permanent moratorium on any future medium and large hog factory farms in the Buffalo River watershed and a moratorium on the spreading of swine waste from such entities in the watershed.

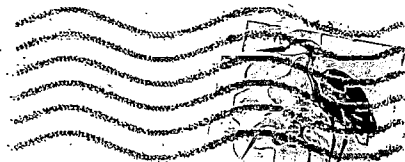
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