From: <u>Faebyan Whittle</u>

To: Water Draft Permit Comment
Subject: CAFO in the Buffalo River Region
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Good afternoon,

As an outdoor enthusiast and Arkansan, I am very concerned about the hog farm that was permitted for operation and I do not support further continuation of this operation any place close to our first National River. I understand what is done, is done, but it is not too late to do what is best not only for the environment, but for the people living in the Buffalo River region. The ADEQ has a commitment to the people of Arkansas that supersedes any monetary reimbursement from any business. The ADEQ exists to serve the ALL of the people Arkansas and are "charged with the protecting, enhancing, and restoring the environment for Arkansans." While the ADEQ has failed to protect and enhance the Buffalo River, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has the opportunity to make effective immediately the mandate to RESTORE the environment of Arkansas. C & S Hog Farm should be closed within a reasonable amount of time to provide respectful notice to the owner to make alternative business location arrangements and to begin the cleanup of the area to protect the watershed of the local people, flora, and fauna. Without this commitment to correct the decision to allow this type of operation in this specific environment, the ADEQ will lose respect and connection with the community it is mandated to protect. As a fellow Arkansan and human, I hope to read that the ADEQ is investing into the future of our state through the steps needed to once again Save the Buffalo.

I look forward to once again trusting the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to make sound choices for our state.

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