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To: [Water Draft Permit Comment](#)
Subject: Permit #5264-W
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I am writing this email to ask that consideration be given to the denial of the requested permit by C & H Farms. I will be the first to admit that I am asking this for personal reasons. I am not opposed to the farm per se, but I have enjoyed the Buffalo River and surrounding area since I was a teenager and I realize the damage that dumping that much hog waste into the environment of the Buffalo River can do. The Buffalo River was the first "National River" and our state is allowing it to be slowly destroyed by not giving it the protection that it richly deserves. I wrote letters in support of it becoming a national river, in the late 1960's and early 1970's, and felt that we had protected it for future generations only to realize that responsibility of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to protect this river was to be ignored by those in charge of ensuring the future protection of the river. As a teenager, I lived in a tent on the river for six weeks at a time, while working at Camp Orr for a couple of years in the summers of 1963 & 1964, and became fascinated by its beauty and the pristine wilderness that surrounded it. I have floated the river countless times. I have hiked the Buffalo River Trail. I have hiked the Old River Road Trail. I ask that in the interest of my children and grandchildren that the request for the permit renewal be denied and that you support the preserving of this "Jewel of Arkansas" for all time. The dumping of the hog waste, let's just go ahead and call it MANURE as that is what we are really talking about, may not affect the river for several years but mark my words that it will EVENTUALLY LEAK into the river and cause major environmental problems in the future. Maybe not in my lifetime but certainly during the lifetime of my grandchildren and that is the problem. The entire geology of the Buffalo River is a porous limestone that has all kinds of fissures within its structure. The area is home to countless caves and underground streams. I have spent many hours and days in my youth exploring the vast underground labyrinths of this area and can very well attest to their existence throughout the Buffalo River Valley. This hog factory, I don't consider it a farm, should have never been allowed into this fragile and protected area and I ask that the permit be denied to protect the Buffalo National River.

Sincerely,

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