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To: [Water Draft Permit Comment](#)
Subject: [BULK] Buffalo River: C&H Hog Facility
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Hello,

I'm writing to register opposition to the C&H Hog Facility being granted a regulation 5 permit. C&H's proximity to the Buffalo National River should be an issue of great concern to the government and citizens of Arkansas. This proximity should result in increased oversight of the operations of C&H.

I grew up on a family-owned cattle farm in southern Missouri. My parent's still live on the farm. I understand from experience the delicate balance of responsible land management and making a living raising livestock. With that experience in mind, I strongly support denial of the regulation 5 permit and continuing state observation and testing for the C&H facilities.

The Buffalo River is the crown jewel of Arkansas myriad of natural wonders. It should be protected with great diligence and passion by those elected to office and given the responsibility of protecting Arkansas' assets for future generations. From a purely economic standpoint, reducing oversight on C&H may benefit one facility and a handful of workers associated with it, but at a potential cost of damaging the stream's reputation making it less appealing to the millions of visitors (and their multi-millions of dollars) who enjoy this beautiful river annually.

Please deny the regulation 5 permit.

Thank you for your time.

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