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Subject: Stop ADEQ

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"Governor Hutchinson: Please save our national river. Stop ADEQ from issuing a Reg 5 permit to the industrial swine operation on Big Creek on March 17th. Do it out of respect for the Arkansans who came before you who fought to protect it. This is riding on your shoulders."

I am one of many Arkansans who believe the Buffalo is a treasured national gem - with the most stunning scenes in the Ozarks/state and am 100% against the industrial swine operation. The Buffalo is the first national river and the pride and joy of Northern Arkansas - we must take care of it. We need to stop it because a CAFO this close to the <u>river</u> is sure to lead to a polluted <u>Buffalo</u>. A polluted <u>Buffalo River</u> would serious harm the region economically since tourism is a big part of their economy, but the entire <u>watershed</u> would be affected harming the ecosystem. Also, CAFOs lead to respiratory illness for those nearby. For the risks it poses to the environment and public health, this CAFO needs to be stopped. Preserve the Natural State and stop this temporary permit immediately!

Earnestly, Karen Cockrum of Fayetteville, AR

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