From: <u>Kevin Coleman</u>

To: <u>Water Draft Permit Comment</u>

Subject: Conserve Arkansas

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On Thursday, March 16, 2017 8:11 PM, Kevin Coleman <coleman\_kg@yahoo.com> wrote:

## Dear ADEQ,

I'm emailing as a concerned patron and native son of the Buffalo National River. I'm asking that C&H Hog in Mt. Judea, Arkansas be denied the regulation 5 permit needed to continue the dumping of swine waste into this nation's first declared national river. It is eminent that we take immediate action to preserve the sanctity of our beloved Buffalo River. This is a sanctuary that mother nature has provided. A sanctuary that has been the focal point of families bonding, love found, passions revealed, and sins cleansed by the baptismal waters housed and flowing through the heart of the Ozarks. Should the livelihoods of so many be sacrificed for the profits of a few? Many businesses along the river depend on it's sanctity. Businesses from small town cafes, canoe rental establishments, outdoor stores, etc. depend on this river and the millions of people who seek the piece and serenity of this grand jewel. A jewel that many of this great state's legislators have vehemently fought to preserve. Being so persistent in their fight for this value that on March 1, 1972 an Act of Congress was established to preserve it and end the US Army Corps of Engineers repeated attempts to damn and imprison her divine waters. Please ask yourself, "would this country know Tim Ernst; would there have ever been an Ozark Café, a Dogpatch, a Buffalo Outdoor Center, or a Ponca Bible Camp without the pristine waters of the Buffalo??" I think not. It's important to remember that the waters don't simply begin and end with the Buffalo, but it includes the waters of Big Spring, Crooked Creek, & the White River. The natural beauty of Arkansas is one like no other and the diversity of that beauty is unmatched. It is incumbent on all of us to fight as persistently as those before us to protect this state's beauty, it's serenity, and it's sanctity so that the hard work of so many not be compromised. Please help preserve the work and livelihoods of so many, and the crown jewel of this great state by denying C&H Hog the regulation 5 permit to C&H Hog. Thank you for taking the time to read this and God Bless.

Regards, Kevin Glenn Coleman