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To: [Water Draft Permit Comments](#)
Subject: [BULK] Protect the Buffalo River
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I appeal to you today on behalf of the Buffalo River. My family has called this place home since the early 1800s and I plead with you to not allow the destruction of an integral resource to my family's community. The Buffalo River has played a significant role in my love for Arkansas, rightly titled "The Natural State." I urge you to act and prevent the ADEQ from issuing a Reg 5 Permit to the industrial facility on Big Creek on March 17th. My family includes a long lineage of farmers, ones that have worked the earth with their calloused hands. They saw this region bloom and I hope you will continue to allow it flourish. Please respect my ancestors who came before, the ones that still rely upon this river for its' natural resources and for its economic benefits, such as tourism. Have you ever floated the Buffalo? I imagine if you haven't you know someone who has. Listen to their experience. I plead with you to protect our state from pollution, starting with the protection of the Buffalo. We only have one planet and we are on family, with one address.

Thank you,
Rachel Hale

Sent from my iPhone