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Subject: RE: Protect the Buffalo River Watershed
Date: Friday, April 07, 2017 7:24:00 AM

We regret to inform you that your comments were received after the 4:30 p.m. deadline on April 6, 2017. Therefore, your comments will not be considered as part of the Response to Comments. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jamal Solaimanian at 501-682-0620.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tina Cone [<mailto:tinamcone@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 7:58 PM
To: Water Draft Permit Comment
Subject: Protect the Buffalo River Watershed

Governor Hutchinson & ADEQ:

It has taken me a while to take a firm stance on the subject of the large hog farm in the Buffalo River Watershed. I am from an agricultural background. My family raises cattle. I believe in landowner rights. I don't want anyone telling me what I can or can't do, so I have been quiet. However, I believe that my method of ranching (management intensive grazing) is environmentally friendly and sustainable. I am a good neighbor. I am not a polluter. There is no way this large hog operation can make that claim. They have not considered the effect they are causing on the area, especially the Buffalo.

Over the past 10 years I have spent a lot of time kayaking and camping on the Buffalo. I see a definite change in the water quality of the lower Buffalo in the past two years, and feel it will only become worse over time. Something must be done to stop this!

Please deny the Regulation 5 permit for the C&H swine factory in the Buffalo River watershed. This industrial operation has no business in the geologically sensitive karst environment of our own national river. Any failures or long term degradation risks a \$62M tourism industry in one of the poorest areas of our state. Deny it because it makes economic sense. Deny it out of respect for the Arkansans who came before you who fought to protect it. Deny it so that future generations can enjoy the beautiful river that I have been able to enjoy.

Sincerely,

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