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I know you can stop this hog farm from going in. There is no way it is far enough from Big Creek to stop it polluting the Big Creek or the Buffalo River. The amounts of waste are astronomical and the soils leach incredibly fast here. I live in this sand and there is nothing to stop the contamination. I have caved and pit caved. I've been on dye tracings and seen the miles of underground water travel.

I live just east of Pruitt near the Buffalo River. For 2 years or more the local swimming hole has had high levels of bacteria that are unsafe for swimming. This is downstream from the Dog Patch, Mill Creek confluence. When shit was seen floating in the Buffalo River the pumping station at Dog Patch on Mill Creek was sited to be fixed. Yet it has been over 2 years and still the swimming hole has too high bacteria counts for safe swimming. Can you imagine a large hog farm on Big Creek? Big Creek is a major water contributor, like the Little Buffalo that I live near. I see the algae from the fertilizers and I watch as the water quality deteriorates.

Big Creek has as much significant historical uses to the community as our own Little Buffalo River. Many local families camp and fish along its banks. It is a major contributor to the Buffalo River. Its runs through carst topography and the area is littered with caves. It is one of the most beautiful streams with wide sweeping valleys of deer, elk, turkey and wild life in Arkansas. The Mt. Judea area is a favorite route for motor cycles, rock climbers and sight seers. Game and Fish has a wild life management area called Gene Rush and Big Creek runs through the area.

This operation is going to be very close to the Mt. Judea schools and if you haven't seen the documentary "A River of Waste" it is worth the viewing. It shows what has happened in NW Ar and NE Ok. Very visual with arial and ground photography. Also very sad to see the health issues ignored by large farming operators in their quest of greed.

Sincerely,
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