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To: [Water Draft Permit Comments](#)
Subject: NO HOG FARM ON THE BUFFALO!
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Dear Members of the APC&E Commission,

I am writing to lodge my strongest complaint about a factory hog farm being permitted to operate in the National Buffalo River watershed.

I am in total and complete disbelief that ANYONE, much less the department in CHARGE of protecting our state from possible pollution, would think that this is an acceptable risk.

The Buffalo is the first NATIONAL RIVER PARK, for crying out loud, and to think you would even CONSIDER, much less PERMIT this impending pollution travesty, is simply beyond belief.

It is not a question of IF it will have a pollution effect, it is an ABSOLUTE fact that it WILL contaminate this pristine CROWN JEWEL of our NATURAL STATE, of which we are so blessed and proud to be citizens.

I'm not a scientist or environmental engineer, but it doesn't take a genius to know that the waste of 6500+ hogs being sprayed over 600 acres of mostly rocky ground, WILL most definitely run off into the creeks and rivers feeding the Buffalo, the first time we get a 3 inch rain in a couple of hours. WHERE do you possibly imagine that waste is going to go when it rains? Who are these idiots that don't seem to know that "shit runs downhill"?

I lived in Virginia for 13 years near the border of North Carolina where (unfortunately for those folks) there were many factory hog farms and let me tell you, when the hurricanes came thru and flooded the "lagoons" (sounds so nice doesn't it? HA!) that waste spread all over the coastal areas of that poor state, contaminating the ground, the ground water and all the rural folks wells. A HUGE mess that took years to clean up. Do we really want that in our state and in the Buffalo?!?

I'll bet that no one has bothered to inform the locals of this area that the deep wells that will be drilled, to water all those hogs, WILL lower their water table and their wells will dry up. This also happened in North Carolina.

DO THE RESEARCH, Google hog farm pollution in Tennessee and North Carolina. OPEN YOUR EYES!

The bottom line: Cargill and C & H farms financial profit should not trump the rights of all the citizens of this State and the folks that come from all over the country, to experience the beauty and majesty of floating, fishing and camping on the Buffalo National River.

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS PERMIT AND STOP THE INSANITY!

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