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VIA HAND DELIVERY AT PUBLIC HEARING, JASPER, AR

Dear Director Keogh,

My name is Jane Darr and I submit these comments as President of Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers and on behalf of the Board, members and subscribers who love the land and water of this watershed. Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers (FNFWR) is an all-volunteer watershed organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of the Middle Section of the White including its tributaries. Our focus is five counties below Bull Shoals and Norfork Dams and continues for five counties; Baxter, Marion, Stone, Izard and Independence. The Buffalo National River enters this watershed at Buffalo Point.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on C & H Hog Farm General Permit ARG590000 and thank the department for making available on the ADEQ website the communication between citizens, organizations and the Department.

A review of the work and science to date regarding overall permitting of the hog farm in the Buffalo River Watershed affirms our conviction that water quality is at risk as well as the economic contribution of this natural resource to the diverse businesses and livelihoods of the region.

According to the National Park Service the Buffalo National River receives approximately 1.1 million visitors a year with many thousands of people directly recreating in the river. Elevated contamination of bacteria in surface waters can cause water-borne illnesses in people during recreating in polluted waters. The water quality monitoring initiated to characterize the bacteria concentrations within Big Creek and within the Buffalo River in the area of the confluence point to the probability of contamination.

Therefore, due to the risk to this iconic natural resource of our state and the numerous continuing errors, omissions and unexplained assumptions contained in the documents available for review (especially those enumerated in a letter to your Department from EarthJustice, dated March 9, 2015), Friends urges this modification be denied and the **full** permit be reopened for public review and comment.

Sincerely,

Jane E. Darr 

Jane E. Darr
President

Cc: Sam Cooke, President Elect
Friends Board members

Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers is an Arkansas 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to creating an ongoing dialogue where individuals, groups, and government agencies can work together to conserve, restore and enhance these beautiful rivers.



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