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Subject: permit for commercial hog farm on Big Creek
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I am deeply concerned that a permit has been issued for a commercial hog farm on Big Creek, right on the Buffalo River watershed. While I respect private landowner rights, I believe the danger this presents to our National River as well as to Big Creek should take precedence. There is no perfect containment of this amount of sewage, and the runoff from rains, erosion, equipment failure, and human error are unavoidable. Please do not let this happen. We simply must protect the Buffalo from more pollution.

There is also a substantial economic concern should this occur. The mouth of Big Creek is just above the Mt. Hersey & Woolum canoe access and camping areas, and very close to the Tyler Bend Visitors Center, Gilbert, and many small accesses frequented by tourists and visitors throughout the year. Many concessionaires and local businesses would be affected immediately, with immense long-term damage. Visitors come from all over the U.S. to canoe and explore these waters. Any damage to the balance of the area would have a negative impact on not only on the Buffalo National River but the White River (now a National Blueway) as well.

I am also very concerned as to why there were no notices posted in any of the local papers in North Arkansas. Shouldn't a concern of this magnitude have been made aware to the people it would most impact?

Please revoke this permit.

Sincerely,
Rex Kindall