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Mr. Doug Szenher and associates:

I understand that comments are now being taken about proposals to ban future medium or large swine operations near the Buffalo River. Count me as one who is appalled that the Cargill operation near Mt. Judea was ever allowed. Nothing like that should ever be allowed in that area again. As a member of the Ozark Society and a frequent floater and camper along the Buffalo National River, I am all for the APC&E Commission's regulations 5 and 6.

The Buffalo River brings in millions of dollars in tourism every year. Outfitters, campgrounds, restaurants, etc. around the area count on that tourism for their livelihood. This is not just an issue of ecology, but one of economy. What are those people to do once their means of making a living is ruined? And how will people with property in the area protect their children from breathing contaminated air or drinking contaminated water or playing in contaminated fields? People go to that area to live and to vacation because of the natural beauty. Large hog farms can in no way help the area; they can only detract from the beauty and possibly destroy it.

Once contamination gets into that river, how will it ever be removed? Thousands of people every year float along the Buffalo River. Toxic gases and bacteria come from hog waste and there is no way to guarantee that they will not find their way into the river. The karst below the surface of that area is only one way that these dangerous chemicals will seep into the Buffalo. Mother Nature cannot be reigned in nor predicted. Any large amount of rainfall can send that waste spilling for miles right into the Buffalo watershed. I don't know how we can ever clean it up once that happens.

Please ban, prohibit, deny applications, stop any thoughts of allowing another swine operation along the Buffalo National River.

Thank you.

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