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Re: Public Comment in Support of Third-Party Rulemakings re Regs. 5 and 6

Dear Mr. Szenher:

This comment is on behalf of myself and my husband, Roger Montgomery, in support of the third-party rulemakings proposing changes to Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APCEC) Regulation No. 5 (hereinafter, "Reg. 5") and APCEC Regulation No. 6 (hereinafter, "Reg. 6"). Please add this comment to rulemaking docket numbers 14-002-R and 14-03-R. We fully support the proposed ban on new swine operations in the Buffalo National River Watershed that house 750 or more swine weighing 55 or more pounds or 3,000 or more swine weighing less than 55 pounds.

It is fitting that I am writing this public comment during time off from work, as many of our free hours as a family of five over the past twenty-plus years have been spent at the Buffalo River. Over the span of years and numerous trips, we have canoed and kayaked the National River from Ponca to the White River. We have hiked most of the trails along the River and in the associated Wilderness Areas. We have camped throughout the National River backcountry. We have stayed in most of the Park Service campgrounds, as well as in numerous rental cabins and lodges in the vicinity of the River. We have shopped and eaten at many of the area businesses. In other words, twenty-plus years-worth of our vacation and leisure dollars were frequently spent in the Buffalo River watershed.

When the Marble Falls wastewater treatment plant was discharging untreated wastewater, we stopped boating along that stretch of the River. We now no longer plan to spend time in the vicinity of the C & H hog farm near Mt. Judea. We also won't be hiking or boating on the Buffalo in that area, and we certainly won't get on the River until we are well downstream of the confluence of Big Creek with the Buffalo. As a consequence, we won't be spending our money in the vicinity of the C & H hog farm.

Please protect the remainder of our precious Buffalo National River by adopting the proposed changes to Regs. 5 and 6. Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Sincerely, Colene Gaston and Roger Montgomery