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For years, many of us have wondered why environmental organizations have resorted to FEAR to make their points or achieve their aims. The answer is obvious. They have been enormously successful when they used this tactic even though fear is an emotion with little association, indeed, total disdain for rational thought. Fear generates a cranial disconnect with anything reasonable, rational or logical. It encourages people to abandon their better judgment for a mental image of disaster with no basis in fact.

In the case of C & H Hog Farms in Newton County, it appears fear is the only tactic left for the environmentalists to "get their way," since capable, accurate, conscientious research has proven their contentions wrong. But environmentalists are tenacious. They know everyone has smelled a hog at one time or another. If, through fear, the environmentalists can implant a nostalgic whiff, they might just make a sizeable percentage of the citizenry of Arkansas believe the Buffalo will become undesirable for floaters and swimmers. That is not going to happen. None of us would sign off on such a development.

Of course, this being America, everyone is entitled to believe whatever scientific research they choose. Everyone has a perfect right to believe the man in the moon wears a toupee' should they so desire. It is my plea that, this time, all of us might choose to believe honest and accurate results.

If there had been the slightest possibility C & H Hog Farms might be a contributor to pollution of the Buffalo River, wouldn't it be logical to assume the researchers would have met with at least some resistance? I understand such was never the case. It is more likely that when the farm is allowed back into operation, all of us will find that we have a new and bulldog-tough protector of the pristine qualities of North Arkansas.

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