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Please adopt the amendments to Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulations 5 and 6 as written, which would ban new medium and large confined swine operations in the Buffalo National River watershed. The geology of the Buffalo watershed has the feature of porous limestone "karst" topography that allows rapid transport of pollutants. The karst pathway connects surface water, groundwater, wells, springs, streams, and tributaries into the Buffalo River. The area is not suited for waste ponds with leakage rates of up to 5,000 gallons per day per acre of surface area allowed by current regulations or for the land application of millions of gallons of hog waste. The risk of transporting nutrients, bacteria, and other pollutants to the Buffalo River is too great!

I live between Buffalo Point and Rush. I would hate to see these clear waters polluted. I also am very aware of the tourist that the Buffalo attracts every year. In 2012, the Buffalo National River attracted 1,093,083 visitors who spent \$43.78 million in communities surrounding the river.

Arkansas is "the Natural State". Please protect it. The Buffalo River is a national treasure. Please keep it safe.

Sincerely,

a Concerned citizen

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