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To: Reg-Comment

Subject: Buffalo River

Hi

I'm not from Arkansas but live in Mo, however I have floated the Buffalo for almost 40 years and feel as though I should have some input into this Swine presence. There is a float stream in Mo, Shoal Creek to be precise that I and friends have floated and will not float again because of the smell from Swine Farms. We also observed pipes running on the bottom of the river with something leaking into the river. Not something you want to see from a canoe where you could potentially end up in the water with it. The Buffalo is our first National Scenic River and brings a lot of tourism to your state. I have met people on the River from many other states. Disregarding the natural beauty and wilderness effect of the river, is the State of Arkansas willing to take the risk of losing tourism because of the smell from a huge hog operation? You might also want to consider a sewage spill or leakage into what is pretty much a pristine river. Believe me when I tell you; people like myself (and there are a lot of us) will not be coming down to float under these conditions. This has the potential to kill millions of dollars in tourism for the State. Arkansas is a beautiful state and I would hate to see that change. I'm sure that these Hog Farms can find other places for their operations than anywhere close to a National Scenic River or feeder creek for that matter, especially the Buffalo, our First such river and one of the most beautiful I've floated. Thank you for your consideration.

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, Larry Settle

A gun is like a parachute. If you need one, and don't have one, you'll never need one again.