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Subject: Proposed Third-Party Changes to APCEC Rules 5 & 6

Attn: Mr. Doug Szenher,
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Sirs,

I wish to support any proposed ruling that bans medium and large hog farms (CAFO) in the Buffalo River Watershed.

I support the proposed third-party changes to APCEC regulations 5 and 6.

As the nation's first National River, the Buffalo is an environmentally sensitive area of the first order. The river is a jewel in the crown of "The Natural State" and is of importance not only to myself as an Arkansas resident but as a resident of the USA. As an Arkansas resident I am **deeply ashamed** that our state institutions have permitted this pristine area of natural beauty to have been put at hazard from hog waste. One could hardly imagine a worse scenario than the air being polluted through noxious vapors, and the water being polluted not only by bacteria and viruses but also by liquids high in nutrients with all of their detrimental affects on river ecology (algal growth, biological oxygen demand, etc.). Intensive hog farms in the Buffalo watershed pose a hazard both to the environmental quality of the Buffalo River and to the public health of all who use it for recreation.

I believe the intensive farming of hogs within the watershed poses a hazard potentially not only through their normal operations but also in the event of unusual weather, especially high rainfalls and flood runoff.

Through shamefully allowing this ecosystem to be under threat, we also threaten the economy of our state. How can we possibly ask tourists to come and enjoy the natural beauty of our state when it seems we will allow a few hog farms to destroy the very thing that is our greatest attraction.

I strongly support the proposal to ban medium and large hog farms from the Buffalo River watershed.

Sincerely,
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