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Subject: CAFO regulation

I am opposed to any CAFO's in the Buffalo River watershed because no matter what regulations or safeguards are put in place bad things will happen.

The study underlying the proposed regulations stated that the local record rainfall total was 7 inches in a 24 hour period. Instead of looking back 25 years just a few more years would have revealed that it rained over 12 inches in Newton Co. on December 3, 1982 completely flooding the Boxley valley.

Since the year 2000, there have been at least three times when it has rained over 12 inches in a two day period. Have you ever witnessed such an occurrence? I have, as well as a handful of other kayakers; the surface water runoff was tremendous. The Buffalo River was running over the Boxley bridge and nearly topped the neighboring Beech Creek bridge. The Ponca low water bridge was 10 feet under water and the Little Buffalo River valley was barely passable. Large round hay bales bobbing like corks raced down river.

But what was happening up in the surrounding hollows was even more dramatic. Every bluff line became a waterfall, old logging roads small streams, and creekbeds raging torrents. Springs gushed like firehoses. Rushing water was the only sound that could be heard.

That was great kayaking water but it would have been terrible for retention ponds which would have been swept away, discharging their waste into nearby waterways.

Do you think that thousands of floaters will continue to come to a polluted Buffalo River? What will happen to the trout population in the White River?

Tourism is huge in Arkansas and having a clean, safe Buffalo National River is a must. Stop, retrace your steps, and save this river before it is too late.

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