

Susan Anglin, 5985 S.W. Anglin Road, Bentonville, AR. Thank-you for the opportunity to comment. Protecting the environment is an everyday activity on farms across Arkansas—regardless of size or location. As a third generation Arkansas dairy farmer, we rely on proven science and technology to produce a healthy product and protect the environment for our family, our community and our cows. This rulemaking sets a very negative precedent and is not based on science. This year it's the hog farm, next year will it be the poultry, dairy or beef farm?

As farmers, we invest everything into our farms. I am asking, no actually pleading on behalf of family farmers, for you to consider delaying all rule making until the research takes its course to generate the science and data needed to make informed decisions. As an Arkansas native, I desire that we protect all of our natural resources and that too, should be based on sound research and science. The impact of 1.5 million humans visiting an area on a yearly basis should also be studied to protect the environment. To protect our Buffalo River treasure, I would encourage the Department and Commission to consider the following:

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-ADEQ and the National Park Service agree to fund a multiyear study to evaluate the impacts of recreation on the Buffalo River. The study will include multiple monitoring stations along the length of the Buffalo River, preferably immediately downstream from all launch sites. Weekly monitoring must be conducted throughout the May-October float season and must include samples collected on Saturdays.

-Based on the outcome of this study the National Park Service will seriously consider creating a lottery system to issue permits for floating.

Again, thank-you for the opportunity to comment in support of sound science to protect not only the environment but the ability for family farmers to exist.

*Submitted by  
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