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**To:** Reg-Comment

**Subject:** [BULK] Hog farms in Buffalo watershed

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this regulation.

The Buffalo River, our nation's first national river, is a precious gem and should be protected from degradation by poor land use practices in its watershed. Large-scale hog farms, and any large-scale animal farms, will have serious, long-lasting, detrimental impacts on the water quality of the river.

Degradation of water quality will lead to changes in the aquatic ecosystem that has existed for eons and that leads millions of visitors to the river each year. The income generated by tourism dollars is a significant part of the economy of the counties in which the watershed lies.

No one is saying that we as a nation should give up bacon and pork butt. We are saying that there are many places to raise hogs, cattle, and chickens that will not impact pristine waterways, like the Buffalo National River.

I have been enjoying the Buffalo River since I was a toddler. I proposed to my wife in the river at Grinder's Ferry. We were married in the river at Ozark Campground. My children had their first river experiences on the Buffalo. Please protect this extraordinary resource from the harmful impacts of large-scale agriculture.

Sincerely

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