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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Public Outreach and Assistance Division Doug Szenher 5301 Northshore Dr North Little Rock, AR 72118

Dear Mr Szenher,

Iowa Rivers Revival is a statewide river advocacy and education organization committed to protecting some of Iowa's most precious natural resources --- our rivers and streams. We are writing today to submit public comment on behalf of protecting Arkansas' treasured Buffalo National River from potential CAFO contamination. The National River designation protects natural rivers from industrial uses, impoundments and other obstructions that may change the natural character of the river, or disrupt the natural habitat for the flora and fauna that live in or near the river --- this situation clearly warrants extended safeguards to protect these pristine waters from an industry that has the potential to pollute nearby water, air and lands.

As an organization who passionately advocates on behalf of water quality, safety and access of Iowa rivers and streams, we are looking to you to set a national example for the importance of protecting and valuing this and other treasured natural resources.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise." — Aldo Leopold

Sincerely,

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