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To whom it may concern,

I have read much about the University of Arkansas research team that is studying the impact of the hog farm in the Buffalo River Watershed, and the money Gov. Mike Beebe put behind their efforts.

The research being performed at the C&H Hog Farm by the Big Creek Research Team is the most extensive performed on any farm in Arkansas and likely the country.

How is it that a state commission is going to now try to get IN FRONT of that government-funded research and make decisions about the long-term impact to the Buffalo River watershed WITHOUT that data? This sounds reckless to me.

I ask that you let the research take its course and generate the science and data needed to make the right decisions concerning moratoriums, expanded restrictions being placed on private land owners, or other unneeded limitations on farmers and ranchers until AFTER the Big Creek Research Team has presented their findings so the science will speak for itself.

I am sure Gov. Beebe would appreciate the fact that his money is being spent in the best interest of Arkansas and its citizens.

Farming is an important part of the economy of the state of Arkansas. If your department starts ruling on emotion and not facts, where does it stop? Does it only stop when all small to medium size farmers are out of business?

Sincerely,


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