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Subject: FW: Ban medium and large Swine CAFO's

I am writing in support of banning medium and large swine CAFOs in the Buffalo River Watershed and in support of the proposed changes in regulations 5 and 6.

The issue of concentrated animal feeding operations is just that! They are CONCENTRATED! Thousands of swine CONCENTRATED in one area generating the waste of a small city in a karst terrain. This is NOT the family farm.

This is NOT a few feral pigs running up and down the river.

The science has already been done in other states documenting devastating water and air pollution due to hog factories. We really do not need to reinvent the wheel! The science HAS been done.

Cargill and other large swine factories are set to invade our area. N. Carolina went from 15th to 2nd in hog production between the 1980's and the mid 1990's. This explosive growth clustered in North Carolina's low-income and minority communities. These agriculture businesses park themselves in communities where they think people are least resistive and are likely not to object. That is why they came to Newton County. They think we are ignorant hill folk. Hopefully we will show them that we are not.

Sincerely,
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