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I am concerned over the development of major hog farms in the watershed of the Buffalo River. With my family and friends I have floated the river on many occasions, and certainly hope it can be preserved as a swimmable and fishable stream.

I understand that rules are being proposed to ban new medium and large confined swine operations (that will not affect small family farms). I hope these rules can be adopted. Of course I am speaking as an out-of-state recreationist, but we do contribute significantly to the economy. Also, I support the local residents in their need for maintaining water quality and public health.

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