Dear Sirs/Madams of ADEQ,

I grew up camping with my family on the Buffalo River. We were a part of the efforts to save the river as our country's first National river. At first our visits were to the State Park, later to be called Buffalo Point. We now usually stay in cabins and have floated numerous stretches. I tell people that this river is a part of me. It is a part of my happy childhood and appreciative adulthood, a part of my soul, a part of my development as a human who cares about the environment that supplies our life. And it has been a source of pride as I talk about my beautiful State of Arkansas. It is also a part of me because I swallowed a good bit of it along the way. Haha. I know it is a special jewel, not only for Arkansas, but for the country. A piece of God's beauty, saved from destruction for the careful enjoyment of our citizens forever. I always thought that it's protection spoke highly of our State's integrity. I also thought that protection meant protection. Any obvious polluter, organic or chemical, which is allowed to flow into the river degrades it. This is not protection. If anything flowing through the porous rocks or running over land into the waters of the river pollutes and degrades the river, we have failed. I seriously can't believe this is even something we have to fight. I agree with the Rule Changes to Rule 5 and 6 for a permanent swine CAFA moratorium in the Buffalo National River Watershed as stated in Docket Numbers #19-002-R and #19-003-R. Please do the right thing and protect The Buffalo National River and all of its watershed. If you only care about money, then think of the financial impact of all the visitors to the Park. And think how less likely people will want to visit a river full of swine excrement. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Peace, -Dana Bassi-