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Commissioners:

The Buffalo River is the crown jewel of what we once called “The Natural State”.

Although pollution is rising from other sources; the river can still heal if we can prevent additional industrial level contamination.

- The karst geology in the Buffalo river area makes it unsuitable for concentrated animal feeding operations due to the many caves, springs and underground streams. Soils in the Buffalo watershed are thin and are thus unable to contain the large amounts of animal waste that are produced by CAFOs.

There are too many factors that contribute to the level of risk created by a CAFO. The risk cannot be fully quantified. The risk cannot be fully bonded and insured. In the event of a catastrophic failure it is likely the primary actors will file bankruptcy and leave the citizens of Arkansas providing cleanup and corporate welfare.

I support the changes proposed by ADEQ to Rule 5 and Rule 6 that would institute a permanent moratorium on issuance of permits for medium and large swine CAFOs in the Buffalo National River watershed.

Please help protect our natural treasure for future generations. Please impose the permanent moratorium for medium and large swine CAFOs in the Buffalo National Watershed.

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