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To: [Reg-Comment](#)
Subject: Permanent Moratorium in the Buffalo River Watershed
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Dear ADEQ,

Well, it has been about 6.5 years from when I drafted my first email to you all about the hog CAFO problem in the Buffalo National River watershed. You need not have let this happen in the first place. You needed to not spend millions of dollars in staff time, funding BCRET and other greenwashing activities to clean up the mess you made by permitting this operation without fully investigating the potential damage, not following your own protocols, and not reviewing land leases and signatures. Finally you got it that there was serious damage being done by the over 15 Million gallons of hog waste being spread on adjacent fields. This is a sensitive area and it is questionable if the Buffalo National River will be able to fully recover from this damage. I am concerned that an ecosystem shift has occurred. Please respect, honor and take care one of the best things about Arkansas! Don't let this happen again. Please enact a permanent moratorium on medium and large swine Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) to protect this river forever as it was intended when Congress passed legislation creating the Park. Please go further and make this a state law so that it is not overlooked, disregarded or forgotten by the next head of ADEQ or ANRC. Truly make it permanent, memorialize it, and protect the hundreds of jobs and millions of tourists relying upon a clean and healthy river.

Sincerely,
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