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I am writing to support the moratorium against medium and large size CAFO's (confined animal feeding operations) in the Buffalo River area. I also support restrictions on any other type of water polluting facilities that may not be covered under this moratorium. Our Buffalo River area is karst terrain. Rain water travels rapidly, rushing down the bare rocky hills into the valleys and also deep down inside the water veins of the earth, and ultimately, any pollution ends up in the river. Pig farms need to be located on flat lands with flat fields to spread manure. In this way the refuse stays more in place to age out.

The Buffalo River is certainly a jewel in the mountainous crown of Arkansas. Photos of the Buffalo River area are frequently used to entice tourists (and businesses) to come to Arkansas. Our watershed includes the dramatic bluffs of Steel Creek, Lost Valley which is the most visited hiking trail with it's stunning waterfalls, the fields in the river bottom in Ponca where elk roam free, the stunning tall Hawksbill Crag/Whitaker Point, Tyler Bend where the Buffalo River Headquarters are, and Buffalo Point, the oldest and largest campground along the river with a large beach and bluffs and it's nearby stunning long hiking trail to Indian Rockhouse Cave. All of these are precious natural resources that need to stay as clean as possible...forever.

I kayak the river in the area of the pig farm very often as I live nearby. Our family loves the river so much we have replaced our three canoes with 6 kayaks in the last five years, one kayak for each person in our family. I am guessing the amount of letters against the CAFO are partly due to how phenomenally recreational kayaking has grown in the past decade. It is a pleasure of my life to be paddling on the river with our two sons and our two grandsons and the many friends we have introduced to the beauty of this relatively new national river. Let's keep the water clean for the next generation. The Buffalo River is for recreation. Our family also enjoys Bull Shoals Lake and Beaver Lake, which are sources of drinking water, and also need their waters protected.

Two years ago my husband and I floated on the river with our former exchange student, now in his 30's, to the confluence with Big Creek, the nearest location to the C&H Pig Farm. His family's business is supplying fertilizer to large animal and fish farms in northern Peru. We explained the situation to him, about the refuse (liquid manure similar to untreated human feces) scattered on the the fields, and possible eventual overflows or leaks from the manure lagoons, and the nitrates making their way down into the ground and eventually to the national river. He said this situation would have been very easy to avoid. He said that in Peru when a farm involves smells and open lagoons of liquid refuse, the state simply would of have picked a place far

away from peoples homes and water sources. This is just common sense, and this should have been a part of the protections ADEQ should have had in place before the CAFO was approved. I am thankful that our state is now moving forward with more awareness, making needed updates to the laws to better protect the water so this scenario won't be repeated.

The laws on locating pig farms in our state need to be made strong and kept strong and they need to be enforced. Basically, it's less expensive in the long run to protect water quality before there is damage, instead of trying to repair it after the fact. As we all know, with an ever increasing population in our rural areas, and due to farming chemicals and septic tanks and the like, there are many other additional stress factors aside from this CAFO contributing possible pollution to water in our state. It will continue to be a challenge. I think you for your time.

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