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Public Comments from The Ozark Society regarding Proposed Rules Changes to Reg 6:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The Ozark Society is a regional conservation organization formed in the 1960s to oppose the dams on the Buffalo River. We represent roughly 1,000 members in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri, all of whom share a special interest in the Buffalo National River and its watershed.

We ask that Regulation 6, reference guidance to the *Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook*, as well as *ANRCS Field Office Technical Guide*, similar to the former Regulation 5. These sources provide sound guidance from agricultural experts in regard to siting and building CAFO. Please include these reference in the update Reg 6.

We agree with, and we sincerely appreciate retaining watershed specific rules prohibiting the issuance of industrial swine CAFO permits in the Buffalo National River watershed. This moratorium was suggested and promoted by Governor Asa Hutchinson after seven long years of controversy over a large industrial hog farm that was *divisively* permitted with *inadequate public notification* in perhaps *the most environmentally sensitive location in the entire state*. While we are not insensitive to property rights, property rights end at the fence line while contaminated runoff and ground water do not. We do not agree that one segment of one industry (agriculture) can be allowed to overwhelm and diminish the livelihoods of those in another industry (tourism) via unavoidable environmental degradation. There is a lot of room in Arkansas for raising swine, but large industrial swine CAFOs have no business in the ecologically sensitive karst geology of the Buffalo National river, the crown jewel of our great state.

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