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Dear ADEQ,

My husband and I have a very personal interest in the quality of water and life in the Big Creek and Buffalo River area. We have two beautiful vacation rental homes -- one on the Grand Canyon view near Jasper, and one that sits on land between Big Creek and the North Fork of Big Creek. We didn't need water testers to know that the water quality in our creeks is terrible. The algae is increasingly bad. We know the hog farm has made things worse, but it was getting bad already due to the increasing number of cattle that are allowed to graze near the creek banks.

Tourism is THE industry in this impoverished part of Arkansas. Without tourism, the citizens there will be on the dole, and a burden to the taxpayers. All they want is a good job and to welcome visitors to their area. The demise of the Buffalo River and its tributaries will be the demise of the whole area.

As a business owner, and as a lover of the rivers and creeks, please step in with the might of your agency to do something about the water quality.

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