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To: WaterbodyComments: comments@whiteriverwaterkeeper.org
Subject: Draft 2018 303d List
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Having finally agreed that Big Creek and the Buffalo National River are impaired (polluted), does it not make common sense for us to determine the source? As you know classification of these rivers as 4b in the 2018 Draft 303d list will not legally require identification of the source of the impairment. While I appreciate the efforts of the BBRAC, I believe it is imperative for the state to categorize segments of these waterbodies as category 5.

Furthermore. placing the impaired segments of the Buffalo National River and Big Creek in Category 4b does not meet the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act, particularly when considering the Extraordinary Resource Waters being impacted. These segments must be placed in Category 5 so that TMDLs or other timely and stringent corrective actions will be taken.

Now that ADEQ acknowledges that Big Creek is a significant threat to the Buffalo, please take the proper next step and move them to Category 5 so that the impairment is corrected before the problem gets worse.

I want to again emphasize that I do not represent the Buffalo River Coalition or the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance in any way. I encourage you and your staff to visit their web site to educate your selves about this matter and review the overwhelming evidence already presented to ADEQ.

I am just a concerned citizen...concerned that these pigs are going to feed China, concerned that the profits are going to Brazil and concerned that the pig waste is staying in Arkansas.

Best regards,

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