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From: Matt Pekar <mpekar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 8:58 PM
To: WaterbodyComments
Subject: expressing support for placing buffalo national river in category 5 (303d Waterbody Comments)

I am a resident of Arkansas who enjoys floating the Buffalo, and would like to express support for placing the Buffalo River, along with its tributary, Big Creek, in the category five list.

I had a chance to view the video by the owners of one of the hog farms in the area and it was good to see the work they had done to keep waste from their farm trapped. Given their work to ensure clean operation of their farm, the category five classification should ultimately not be a threat to what they've built. In the case where farms will be impacted by preservation improvements to the Buffalo, I'd like to see the state work with tax credits and other incentives to bring their operations into proper environment alignment where possible. Ultimately some farms may be creating too large an impact and need to be scaled back.

I frankly don't see how any protection is being done for the river if it's not at category level five.

Sincerely,
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