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Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 10:19 AM
To: WaterbodyComments
Subject: Buffalo River Category Change

Dear Department of Environmental Quality:

This email is sent to request the following:

- 1) Include Big Creek and the impaired sections of the Buffalo River in Category 5 such that the Buffalo River and all tributaries are fully protected;
- 2) Stop all Hog Farming along and in watershed areas on all rivers, streams and creeks in Arkansas;
- 3) Use Arkansas's or the Governor's rainy day fund to buy the C&H Hog Farm in the Buffalo River watershed (the permit should never have been approved in the first place -- so the governor needs to get a backbone and clean this mess up); and
- 4) Develop plans for protection of the Buffalo River watershed and tributaries which are not be voluntary; these should be required.

I was born and raised in Arkansas, raised poultry for Pilgrim Co. in several large houses, went to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and taught in Arkansas. The Buffalo River is a national treasure that is to be protected and this includes those tributaries that flow into the river. I do have a science background (from UofA) and am smart enough to know that the water from the creeks if polluted will pollute the Buffalo River as they flow into the river. That knowledge is just common sense and does not require a degree in science!

Hog farming close to rivers and creeks have never been a good idea and the hog farm does not typically own enough land to support the depth and content of manure from the hog farm production as needed.

Let hog farming go on in some other state where the soil does not drain and leach as it does in the Buffalo River watershed. I am happy to pay more for bacon and other pork products to have them raised in another state and protect the natural resources of Arkansa.

Arkansas can and should look to other businesses and better businesses than hog farming to support the state economy.

Sincerely,
Dr. Teresa Franklin

"A teacher affects eternity; [she]he can never tell where the influence stops." - Henry Adams