

## Ray Stahl

My family and I have lived in the Mountain Home area for 40 years. We have come to cherish and enjoy the Buffalo National River area, for canoeing, camping, hiking, and for horse riding. I applaud the ADEQ for closely reviewing all information about the C&H Hog farm permit request, and for allowing science and not politics from affecting your decision to deny the permit to continue operating this confined agricultural feeding operation (CAFO) in the Buffalo River watershed. The Karst topography, the absurd amount of waste placed on a small area, and the evidence of present pollution and the prospect of worsening pollution in the near future, all tell me, and the people of Arkansas and those outside the state who also enjoy the first National River, that the actions of ADEQ are both legal and prudent. Please do not allow a facility that will benefit the few to destroy an Arkansas treasure that is enjoyed by so many people. Thank you.

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