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I strongly support the denial of the C&H Regulation 5 permit to continue to operate. The Buffalo River is one of Arkansas's most cherished environments. The damage that C&H is doing to Big Creek will eventually ruin the Buffalo. Why should one company be allowed to destroy a natural resource that should be maintained not only for the current generation but for many generations in the future? This can not be allowed to happen.

Please vote to deny the Regulation 5 permit. C&H should be required to restore the land to it's prior condition. If not, your children's children will probably not be able to enjoy the Buffalo as a beautiful Arkansas river, and the nation will look down on Arkansas for not protecting the first designated National River in the United States.

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