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To whom it may concern—Hopefully!

Regarding C&H hog farm in Mount Judea, AR:

As a property owner downwind from the unsightly C&H hog mill, and having eventually sold my house in the area (at a radically discounted price because of C&H), I can truthfully say that the only “economic prosperity” to the region has come to those two families of Campbell’s and Henson’s.

Meanwhile, C&H is systematically destroying the true economic Prosperity—TOURISM, as well as the environment and ecosystems of our first Nationally Protected River. They spray untreated toxic hog-waste on many of the fields around Mount Judea which run into Big Creek, then run into the Buffalo River. Moreover, the stench from this noxious nuisance wafts directly down to the School.

*The Buffalo River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) reports:*

“Since 2013 C&H, the single largest applicator of nutrients and pathogens in the watershed, has spread 14 million gallons of untreated liquid hog waste in the sensitive karst terrain of the Buffalo River watershed. . . . On July 26 the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) released its biennial 2018 Draft List of Impaired Streams, or 303d List. Sections of the Buffalo National River and Big Creek, a nearly 19-mile tributary of the river, were designated impaired due to excessive levels of disease causing pathogens (E. coli) as well as low dissolved oxygen. . . . BRWA believes Big Creek and the impaired section of the river should be placed in Category 5 which would require the highest priority of investigation into what is causing the impairment.”

Please do whatever is possible to stop this devastation, we’re depending on you.

Thank You.

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