

To whom it may concern:

This second attempt by the Small Business Association and Farm Service Agency to erroneously state that C and H Hog Factory in Mt. Judea, Newton County, Arkansas will have no significant impact on our fragile karst topography and on the water quality of the Buffalo National River watershed is flawed and biased. As a resident of Newton County who earns a living in the tourism business I am a stake holder in the health and well -being of the Buffalo River Watershed and strongly disagree with your weak and misleading conclusions. It appears your charge was to back up the mistakes made originally by the Small Business Association and Farm Service Agency for funding and guaranteeing the millions of dollars in loans (with taxpayer funds) for the building of C and H Hog Factory so they could save face and continue this impending disaster to insure their profit. The fact that the EA and FONSI go to great lengths to deny the karst features of Newton County Arkansas is an example of denying established science and cherry -picking data to reach it's weak and misleading conclusions.

There are numerous scientific experts i.e.: Dr. Van Brahma, Tom Aley, Dr. JoAnn Burkhart, Dr. Steven Wing and the National Park Service, to name a few, whose research and data were ignored. Why were these scientific experts data and opinions not given the significance they deserve? This is a disservice to the scientific process and an insult to the citizens of Newton County, Arkansas and the citizens of the United States who own the Buffalo National River set aside by the US Congress for us in perpetuity. To rely only on the Big Creek Research Teams limited data which they do not interpret is incomplete and misleading. The team

established by former Governor Mike Beebe has morphed it's mission from "monitor the C and H Hog Factory" to "helping the farm succeed" and I think is unduly influenced by the amount of money Cargill provides the University of Arkansas Ag Dept. This is a conflict of interest. The risk to our environment, the Buffalo National River and local economy is too great to benefit one factory farm misplaced and poorly vetted from the beginning.

Please add this comment to the record that as a stakeholder in Newton County, Arkansas, I reject your EA and FONSI for it's weak, narrow, questionable and incomplete conclusions. This is in no way the "hard look" Judge Marshall ordered.

I request that a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement be done to give this important matter the attention it merits.

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