

I was at the 2017 Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism in Little Rock yesterday, and I attended the Tourism Hall of Fame Luncheon. Ken Smith, a famous universally recognized expert in Buffalo River matters, and one of this year's honored inductees to the Tourism Hall of Fame, accepted the award, and delivered a dire warning to the hundreds of tourism industry and State and Federal agency representatives present.

“--THAT HOG FARM IS NOT A FARM, IT IS A HOG FACTORY. IT IS DAMAGING THE TOURIST INDUSTRY OF THE BUFFALO RIVER, AND IT WILL KILL THE GOLDEN GOOSE. IT HAS TO GO---“.

We heard cheers and applause, but not ONE objection to his assessment. So, everybody but ADEQ seems to get it—so how and why is ADEQ so dissonant? Hmmm? Well??

WAKE UP ADEQ—NOW!!!!

While you are considering the perpetual permit for C&H, please explain to the public how the Arkansas Phosphorous Index promoted by Dr. Sharply can be applied to the karst terrain of Newton County when the soil itself allows unfiltered surface water directly into the water table? The API relies on applying mitigation to prevent surface runoff from directly into streams, limits the amount of phosphorous that can be found in the top couple of inches of soil and so forth, BUT IN THE KARST OF THE BOONE FORMATION THERE IS NO WAY TO PREVENT SURFACE WATER FROM DIRECTLY ENTERING THE WATER TABLE, SO THE API IS NOT VALID, YET ADEQ PERSISTS IN RELYING ON IT FOR MANAGEMENT OF RAW SEWAGE.

WAKE UP ADEQ—NOW!!!!

I read in today newspaper that BNR will have a NEW hydrological report available in the next couple of weeks that will shed light on the REAL DAMAGE YOU HAVE ALREADY ALLOWED TO THIS TOURISM RESOURCE, BUT YOU PERSIST IN REFUSING AN EXTENSION OF THE COMMENT DEADLINE FOR THIS PERMIT IN HOPES OF AVOIDING HAVING TO DEAL

WITH THE CONTENT.

WAKE UP ADEQ—NOW EXTEND THE DEADLINE!!!!!!

By submitting this comment, I reserve the right to appeal the permit should it be approved. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE BY RETURN E-MAIL.

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