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To: ImpairedWaterbodies Comments
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Subject: Impaired Stream List

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I have been enjoying the Buffalo River for 40 years. My first canoe trip on the Upper Buffalo River was in the Spring of 1976. My wife and I continue to enjoy hiking and canoeing in the Buffalo River area to this day. We just purchased a home that is in the Little Buffalo River watershed. If this home was in the Big Creek watershed we would have not purchased the property because of the concerns about the water quality. As citizens, we depend on State and Federal Agencies to protect our environment from those that cause it harm. The good of many (all species), need to trump the good of a few. However, this hasn't been the case on Big Creek. In addition, Mill Creek and Beak Creek need to be included in the 2016 impaired stream list. We all need to protect the Buffalo River now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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