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I am writing about the ADEQ public notice proposed 2018 impaired water body list and my concerns for the Buffalo River. After reading this information I feel that the Buffalo and Big Creek should be placed on the category 5 list, not the 4b list. This change is important so that these valuable waters will receive the priority investigation they deserve.

I have paddled, and fished the Buffalo for nearly 30 years and I feel this resource is too important for Arkansas to be given anything less than the upmost attention to ensure it is properly managed for future generations. The category 4b does not provide enough parameters to deal with the scope of this issue. It appears strictly voluntary and non-enforceable and these rivers deserve more protection than that.

Reports I have seen indicate significant algal growth on the Buffalo and along with other concerns like higher levels of sediment, additional adjacent pasture land and more logging projects attention should be directed to do what we can while we can before it becomes too late.

Thanks for taking time to read this and I hope we can get on a path to protect not only the Buffalo but other wild streams in Arkansas as well.

Sincerely,

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