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Dear Director Keogh,

Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on the 2016 proposed 303-d listing of water bodies in Arkansas.

I am a new resident of Northwest Arkansas and am enthralled with its natural beauty. In the short amount of time I have lived here, I have already made multiple trips to the Buffalo River area. I am impressed with the deserved advocacy the river has received over the years from concerned citizens--citizens who are interested in preserving the beauty of the river.

Now there appears to be a new threat: Three of the Buffalo River tributaries are impaired for low dissolved oxygen or E. coli yet were not included in the 2016 impaired streams list. The whole watershed needs to be healthy if the Buffalo River itself is to survive and thrive.

Please consider adding these three streams--Big Creek, Bear Creek and Mill Creek--to the impaired streams list.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

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