

Feb 21, 2016

Dear Jim Wise and Director Keogh,

The National Park Service requested that three tributaries of the Buffalo National River be placed on the "Impaired Waterbodies" list pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act.

The ADEQ declined to do so despite an abundance of data from the NPS and the US Geological Survey. This decision does not fit with the obligations and explicit intention of the ADEQ. I request that the three streams be placed on the 2016 impaired list. It would serve the people of AR to investigate the submitted NPS data now. If ADEQ fails to do so, a clear public explanation as to why such robust data would not be used in every way possible to protect one of Arkansas's finest natural and economic resources should be made promptly.

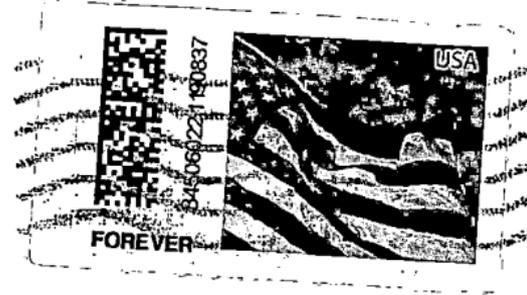
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