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March 9, 2016

Mr. Jim Wise

Water Division

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

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Dear Mr. Wise,

The National Park Service has requested that three tributaries (Bear Creek, Mill Creek, and Big Creek) to the Buffalo River be given 303(d) status. These waterways are showing impairment, which is documented in data provided by the USGS, independent researchers and the National Park Service itself.

Your mission is to “protect, enhance, and restore the natural environment for the well-being of all Arkansans.” Surely responding favorably to the NPS and working to restore and protect our national treasure, the Buffalo River, is mandated by that mission. Beyond the complexities of the 303(d) program, in the face of data from reliable sources, the ADEQ has a duty to act-- to monitor, to take all necessary steps to track down the contaminating sources, and to rid the watershed of these sources.

To do otherwise imperils not only the natural health of the River, its tributaries and related flora and fauna, but also the extensive and integral role that the River plays in the Arkansas economy. Please step up and do your utmost to have the ADEQ fulfill its responsibilities in this matter of great importance to the people of Arkansas today and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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