

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

5301 Northshore Drive

North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

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Dear ADEQ:

I'm very concerned that you have not followed the National Park Service recommendation that Big Creek should be declared "impaired" due to low dissolved oxygen levels and that it should be added to the 303(d) list for impaired waters of Arkansas.

I want to know what your reasons are for declining to include Big Creek and two other impaired Buffalo River tributaries to the list for impaired waters of Arkansas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter so critical to the health of these waters and to our treasured Buffalo National River, an important source of over 500 jobs in tourism and of pride in our Natural State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan M. VanSchuyver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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