

February 21, 2016
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Water Division 5301 Northshore Dr.
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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.

Yet, the ADEQ declined to do so despite the abundance of data from the National Park Service and the US Geological Survey. This decision is not in line with the commitments and responsibilities of the ADEQ.

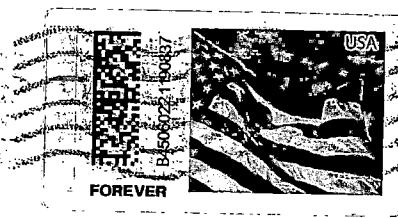
I urge you to include the three streams on the 2016 impaired list. It would serve the people of Arkansas and the many visitors, like me (I travel here ≈ 10 x a year) to investigate the submitted NPS data now.

If ADEQ does not do so, I request clear, public explanation be given as to why such robust data would be ignored when it has the potential to protect one of Arkansas' finest natural and economic resources.

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