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Classification of the Buffalo River and Big Creek as 4-b is not justified, because the justification references the Buffalo River Watershed Management Plan (BRWMP) as a primary justification for classification as 4-b. However, the BRWMP is very clear that it does not address known point source concerns, and self-describes as "a voluntary and nonregulatory project". Further, many believe that the degradation of these reaches of river may be due to the presence of a known point source which is only mentioned, but not addressed by the BRWMP, and cite some of the available data as a basis for their beliefs. Thus, classification as 4-b does not meet the regulatory requirements or intent of the Clean Water Act for regulatory action to restore water quality of degraded waterways, both because it will not require examination of point source concerns at all, and because the actions recommended for the non point source challenges will be considered entirely voluntary and as such may or may not actually occur. In short, these rivers should be held to stricter standards as classification 5.