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Proposed 2018 Impaired Waterbodies List/ Comments

Director Keogh, Caleb Osborne, and Sarah Clem,

It is not difficult to see how and why the recent designation of impairment of the Buffalo River below Big Creek has been classified as 4b, and not 5. This means that nothing is required to be done and I fear nothing will be done. The State observers are committed to avoiding the elephant in the room that all Arkansans can see clearly.

It would be foolish to swim in the Buffalo below Big Creek given the current situation. That kind of realization is going to spread like wildfire. It already has. Imagine, our nation's first historic river- polluted by an industrial Hog farm is now unsafe for tourism. And our representatives turned a blind eye.

How far will big agriculture go to fight this losing battle? How long will the State officials continue to collude with big agriculture?

I urge you to classify Big Creek and the Buffalo below Big Creek as a category 5 impairment. Let's get started fixing this mess. It will only get worse.

Sincerely,

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