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AR Dept. of Environmental Quality

Water Division 5301 Northshore Dr.

NLR, AR-2118-5317

Dear Jim Wise and Director Keogh,

As I understand the ADEQ, it's purpose is to be the State's main environmental protection agency and is charged with "protecting, enhancing, and restoring the environment for Arkansans."

The National Park Service requested that three tributaries of the Buffalo River be placed on the "Impaired Waterbodies" list.

The ADEQ declined to do so despite of the large amount of data from the NPS & the USGS. This decision does not fit with ADEQ's stated purpose.

I request that these three streams be placed on the 2016 impaired list.

If the ADEQ does not do the above, I request that a clear explanation be given as to what caused the decision not to place

these streams on the list.

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