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Mr Wise,

These comments are in regard to ADEQ's 303(d) list.

The National Park Service has requested that three tributaries to the Buffalo National River be listed as impaired. USGS data, Park Service data, and independent researchers have all pointed to problems with one or more of these water bodies . Local citizens have noted algal mats and other disturbing indicators of reduced water quality in these streams. The evidence from many directions points to the fact that polluted water is being allowed to contaminate Arkansas' iconic river.

It is unacceptable that ADEQ will not take action.

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