

BEAUTIFUL BUFFALO RIVER ACTION COMMITTEE



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Beautiful Buffalo River Action Committee Meeting
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- An Arkansas-led approach to identify and address potential issues of common concern in the Buffalo River Watershed
- Established by Executive Memorandum issued September 30, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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FIRST YEAR PRIORITIES



- Develop a Buffalo River Watershed Management Plan
- Identify and implement early actions
- Identify research needs and opportunities

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN



- Arkansas was awarded an EPA multi-purpose grant for developing a Watershed Management Plan
- Focus on entire Buffalo River Watershed
- Basis for future funding opportunities
- Process will be led by Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

MEETINGS AND REPORTS



- Quarterly Beautiful Buffalo River Action Committee meetings
 - Will coordinate with Watershed Management Plan development
 - Will feature input on early actions and success stories
 - Subcommittees/work groups will be created and will meet as necessary
- Annual Report to Governor Hutchinson