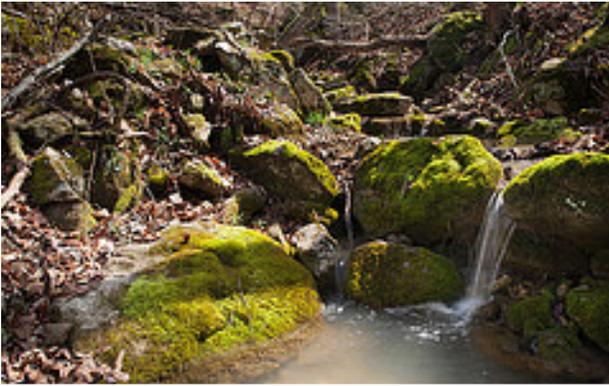


Stop the Attack on Arkansas' Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for about 1 in every 3 Arkansas residents. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans, including nearly 1 million Arkansas residents.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 52% of Arkansas' streams and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.

Stream running through the Ozarks, AR



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- **32% of Arkansas residents – about 1 out of 3 residents** – get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **5,088 miles of streams** that feed into Arkansas' drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 65% of the stream miles in Arkansas' Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk. Protecting these wetlands is especially important in Arkansas, which has lost 72% of its wetlands since the 1780s – the most of any inland state.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide **\$388 million to \$514 million annually in benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish and wildlife and Arkansas's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$1.8 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Arkansas, including \$495 million on fishing, and more than 1.3 million people participated in these recreational activities in Arkansas.
- **Arkansas's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Arkansas breweries contribute \$211 million to our economy every year and support more than 2,000 jobs.

Arkansas Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Over 2,200 Arkansas residents, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support for the rule.**
- Groups like the Arkansas Canoe Club, the Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, and the Arkansas Wildlife Federation support protections for clean water.
- Arkansas joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

For more information, please visit protectcleanwater.org.