

October 15th, 2015



Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing to you today in support of the application to make the Arkansas River part of the National Water Trails System.

The Kansas Canoe and Kayak Association (KCKA) represents a base of over 100 families and individuals in Kansas who are dues-paying members of our Not-For-Profit Organization. We are comprised of canoeist, kayakers, and rafters who work together to promote river running, education, conservation, access and paddling related activities.

In November 2012, we met with Kansas Governor Brownback to discuss promotion of the newly designated Kansas River National Water Trail. Over time we've met with the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks to study locations for public river access leading to Kansas River access points in Manhattan, St. George, Wamego, Topeka, Perry, Lawrence, Eudora, and Desoto. Our Wichita area members have been very active specific to Arkansas River activities in their city, including the boat bypass at Lincoln Street.

KCKA strongly supports the addition of the Arkansas River to the National Water Trails System and will work to promote, protect, support and sustain the waterway to allow for the outdoor recreation and public enjoyment which it will bring.

Sincerely,

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