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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

The Buffalo River, located in northern Arkansas, was the first national river in the United States, so designated by Congress in 1972. This classification protects the river from industries and any obstructions that might impede the water's natural flow. The Buffalo River is approximately 150 miles in length. It originates in the Ozark Mountains and ends by merging with the White River. It is a free-flowing stream and has no dams.

Joe Nix was a water chemist and environmental activist that sought to protect water quality and usage patterns. Nix graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in 1961 and received a BS in Chemistry. He entered the graduate program at University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and studied nuclear geochemistry. He received a Ph.D. there and then began teaching at Ouachita Baptist University, where his research focused on streams in Arkansas. During this time, the environmental movement was building strength and groups began to fight the damming of the Buffalo River. Nix got on board with this movement and joined the Ozark Society. They were successful on achieving National River status for the Buffalo River. Nix served on the following: co-chair, Soil and Water Committee; chair, Natural Resource Committee of the Arkansas Wildlife Federation; chair, State Committee on Stream Preservation; vice-chair, State Committee Advisory Committee on Environmental Planning; president, the Ozark Society. He retired from Ouachita Baptist University in 1994 and became Director of Programs for the Ross Foundation in Clark County, Arkansas.

Scope and Content

This collection contains materials related to the preservation of the Buffalo River, including correspondence, newsclippings, reports, stream preservation materials, river development plans, and economic impact studies.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Joe Nix, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 1990.

Collection Inventory

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1.1 1954: "White River and Tributaries, Missouri and Arkansas," letter from the Secretary of the Army to Congress, 83d Congress, 2d Session, House Document No. 499

1.2 1962: Progress report, Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville [recreational activities impact]

1.3 1962: Remarks by Elbert Cox, Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, before Great Rivers outdoor writers, Lakeview, Arkansas [outdoor recreation resources]

1.4 1962: "Land-Use Planning and Zoning in Arkansas Rural Areas: Legal and Economic Aspects," Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Bulletin 657

1.5 1963: "Water Resources Development by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Arkansas," U.S. Army Engineer Division, Lower Mississippi Valley, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg [two copies]

1.6 1963: "Field Investigation Report: Suggested Buffalo National River, Arkansas," National Park Service [two copies, plus maps]

1.7 1963: "Economic Study of the Proposed Buffalo National River," Bureau of Business and Economic Research and Industrial Research and Extension Center, College of Business Administration, University of Arkansas [two copies]

1.8 1963: "Audit of Southwestern Power System and Related Activities, Corps of Engineers (Civil Functions), fiscal years 1960 and 1961," report to United States Congress by Comptroller General of the United States, 1963

1.9 1963: "Facts That You Should Know About the Buffalo River"

1.10 1964: "Fish and Wildlife Resources in Relation to Considered Water Development Plans, Eleven Point River Basin, Arkansas and Missouri," United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service

1.11 1964: "Fish and Wildlife Resources in Relation to Considered Water Development Plans, Buffalo River Basin, Arkansas," United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service

1.12 1964: "Water Resources Study, Buffalo River Basin, Arkansas: Study of Potential Needs and Value of Water Storage for Municipal, Industrial, and Quality Control Purposes," United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare [two copies]

1.13 1964: "Conservation of Water and Related Land Resources, Buffalo River Basin, Arkansas, Interim Report, Volume III," United States Army Engineer District, Little Rock, Corps of Engineers

1.14 1965: Statement by Governor Orval Faubus to the Corps of Engineers on the disposition of the Buffalo River in Arkansas

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2.1 1965: Stream preservation pamphlets

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2.2 1965: "Arkansas River Valley Resource Conservation and Development Project, A Plan for Development"

2.3 1966: "Appraisal for Hydroelectric Licensing, Upper White River Basin, Missouri-Arkansas," Federal Power Commission

2.4 1967: "Comprehensive Basin Study, White River Basin, Arkansas and Missouri"

2.5 1967: "The Need for a New Water Policy," reprinted from National Parks Magazine, 1967 September issue

2.6 1968: "Revised Economic Study of the Proposed Buffalo National River," College of Business Administration, University of Arkansas

2.7 1968: "Stream Preservation in Arkansas"

2.8 1969: Buffalo River Landowners Association letter to Joe Nix

2.9 1969: "Ozark Society Planning Assignments for Senate Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation Visit to the Buffalo River"

2.10 1970: "A State's Approach to Stream Preservation," presented by Harold Alexander, Arkansas Planning Commission, at the National Symposium on Wild and Scenic Rivers, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2.11 1971: Report by Joe Nix on trip to Washington, D.C. and Senate hearings

2.12 1971: "The History of the Stream Preservation Movement in Arkansas," by Rex M. Terry

2.13 1971: Congressional hearings, Buffalo River

2.14 1971: State Committee on Stream Preservation position on proposed Buffalo National River

2.15 "Challenge on the Buffalo," excerpts of a report by the American Landowners Association, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

2.16 Legislation, hearings, support letters

2.17 Newsclippings, Stream Preservation Committee

2.18 Newsclippings, Buffalo River

2.19 Newsclippings, Buffalo River

2.20 Notes