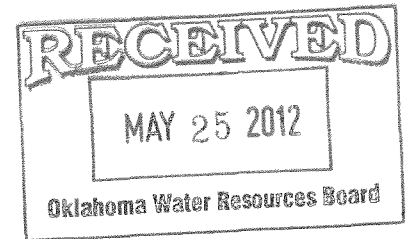


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May 22, 2012

Subject: Comment regarding hearing of the MAY for the Arbuckle-Simpson aquifer

Dear Ms. Meazell,

My name is Barry Shrader and I am co-founder of the Blue River Fly Fishers. Our group was formed March 3rd, 2002. To date over 600 members of the outdoor community have joined our group in hopes of discovering all they can about the Blue River.

As fly-fishers we carry a sense of stewardship for the water and wilderness areas we frequent. Also, as fly-fishers we realize that water use to do what we do is not exactly at the top of the list for priority of water use. Having this knowledge, however, gives us a greater sense of appreciation for the water we do have and can access.

Our hope is for sustainability. Sustainability will help insure the ages to come will enjoy, like we have, a treasure of the Oklahoma landscape known at the Blue River.

Personally I have been wading Blue River since 1981 and over this thirty years I've watched the river slowly diminish. I could take you today to the Blue River and show you dry channel beds and then turn around and look at you telling you the story of how just ten years ago these dry beds held water and fish.

I believe the study conducted by the OWRB and partners is the most comprehensive and thorough study ever completed on the Arbuckle-Simpson aquifer. I further believe the OWRB has placed careful thought and science in making their recommendations.

I ask that the MAY as recommended by the OWRB be accepted and put into effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry C. Shrader".

Barry C. Shrader
Co-founder, Blue River Fly Fishers