

# A National Park would preserve the Buffalo River way of life.



- ① Preserves hunting, fishing access.
- ② Brings jobs, economic benefit.
- ③ Utilizes current federal lands.
- ④ Path to action is clear.

**Shared Objective**

Change the status from *National River* to *National Park Preserve* and become the most active-use National Park in the country for outdoor recreation.

## In the Heartland, most don't live near a National Park.

Nearly a fifth of Americans live within 500 miles of the Buffalo National River. In that same area, there are only two National Parks – neither recreation-focused.

National Parks in Contiguous 48 States



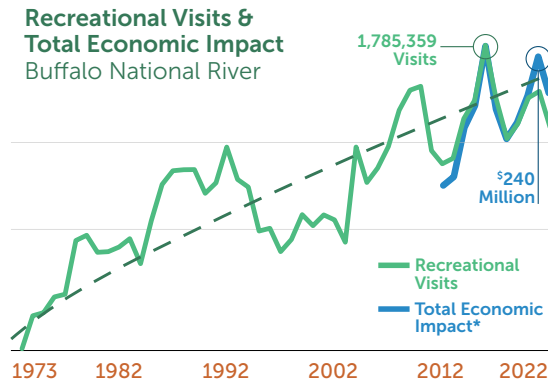
**Shared Mission**

Ensure access to the beauty of the Ozarks to millions living in the middle of the country, preserve the river and the existing federally owned land surrounding it for future generations, and improve the economic vibrancy of a rural part of the country.

## More visitors are coming.

Our natural lands must be actively preserved – or be lost. Private investments underway are certainly expected to increase interest and visitors.

Recreational Visits & Total Economic Impact Buffalo National River



**Purpose of the Buffalo National River**

Preserve a free-flowing river and to conserve and interpret the combination of natural, scenic, cultural, and scientific features characterized by deep valleys, towering bluffs, wilderness, and landscapes of the Ozark Mountains.

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**Latest Report**

Read the latest NPS Buffalo National River report published in 2018.

\* Total economic Impact includes Visitor Spending, Labor Income, Value Added, and Economic Output data from the National Park Service's Visitor Spending Effects - Economic Contributions of National Park Visitor Spending Report.  
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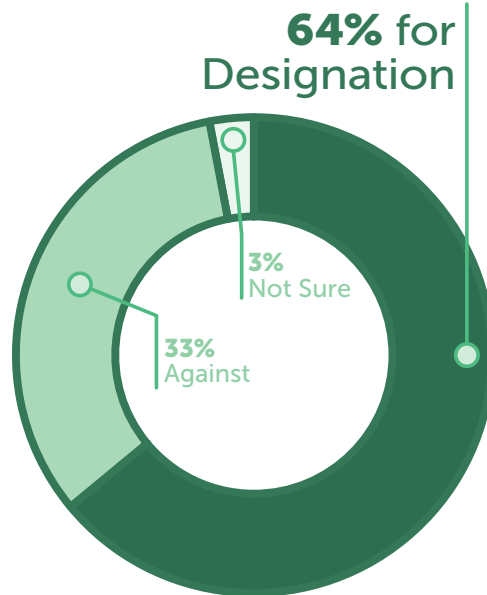
# Neighbors support a change.

In this rural part of the country, nature is treasured and many make their living from an economy that depends on tourism.

Requiring only a change in the land’s designation, more visitors will bring **more jobs** and **more economic benefits**.

## Neighbors of Buffalo River on National Park Preserve Designation

A group of voters in counties that live near the Buffalo River were recently surveyed. **Nearly two-thirds responded they would want their member of Congress to vote for designation** of the river as the Buffalo River National Park & Preserve.



### National Park

Preserved lands with **specific restricted uses** (e.g., hunting, mining, consumptive activities).



### National Park Preserve

Preserved lands with **uses permitted** by Congress (e.g., hunting, trapping, oil/gas exploration and extraction).



### National River

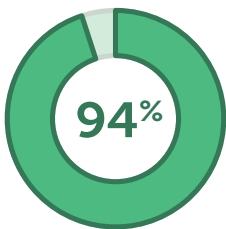
Preserved lands including rivers and recreation areas.

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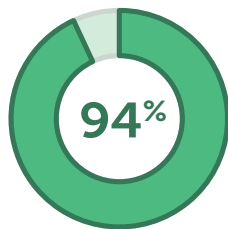
# Neighbors agree on what shouldn't change.

This group of voters responded that it's "very important" or "fairly important" that these things shouldn't change if the Buffalo River and the public land around it were declared a national park and preserve.

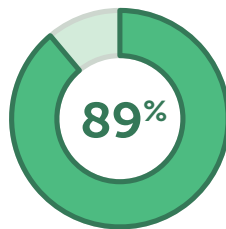
## Neighbors of Buffalo River on Important Aspects to not Change with Designation



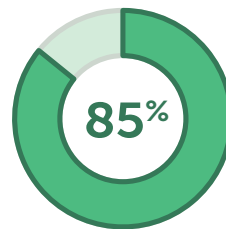
In favor of **no private land taken** to create the national park and preserve.



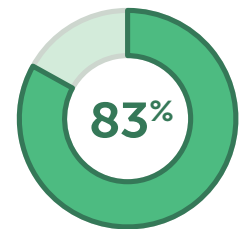
In favor of rules **protecting the waterway from pollution** and industrial uses as they do now.



In favor of **no new taxes for residents** to pay to support the national park and preserve.



**Grandfather local businesses** into any new commercial business rules (e.g., outfitters and river guides).



**Current hunting rules** would apply the same as they do now.

Source: Selzer & Company. (September 11–13, 2023). Study #2273, Buffalo River Survey of Voters [412 voters from Baxter, Madison, Marion, Newton, and Searcy Counties in Arkansas].

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