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2003 Grantee **UPDATE**

"Our greatest resource, and the single most important factor in the continued economic success in the Ozarks, is the abundant sources of clean water. Whether it's our leading industries of agriculture and tourism, or the continued phenomenal population growth, it all depends on clean water."

**– Steve Stewart
Executive Director
Upper White River
Basin Foundation**

Upper White River

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MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

- Rapid urbanization and development
- Excess sediments and nutrients
- Agriculture activities
- Faulty septic systems

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

As it continues to face some of the highest developmental pressures in the region, the Upper White River Basin Foundation is working diligently to reduce pollution. To tackle threats, the foundation is taking a bi-state watershed management approach emphasizing strategic planning, scientific expertise, monitoring, and education. To date, the foundation has:

- Completed several components of a watershed management plan, including a comprehensive watershed assessment
- Held watershed summits to discuss water quality issues
- Distributed follow-up reports to summarize the proceedings of the summits
- Continued to monitor water quality



Volunteers learn how to monitor water quality on the Kings River.



Floating down the scenic Kings River.