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Dear Community Leader,

As you may know, Central Arkansas Water (CAW) owns nearly 10,000 acres of property in the Lake Maumelle watershed. CAW regularly uses prescribed fire, ecological timber thinning, and other natural resource management activities on these 10,000 acres in order to improve water quality, reduce the risk of a dangerous wildfire, and enhance the natural areas in the Lake Maumelle watershed for wildlife and recreation.

Nearly 1,450 acres of CAW property have been identified for potential prescribed fire management in 2016, depending on favorable site conditions and weather. A map of these potential management areas is printed on the back of this letter. Because of your interest in our watershed management efforts, we wanted to be sure to keep you apprised of our upcoming activities.

CAW's Fire Management Plan for utility-owned properties around Lake Maumelle includes a goal of treating 800 to 1,600 acres of CAW property with prescribed burns each year. Use of prescribed fire allows CAW to reduce carbon inputs into the lake, reduce wildfire potential, and improve the long-term health of the forests and wildlife habitat. More information on the benefits of prescribed fire for water quality is outlined in the enclosed brochure.

The upcoming prescribed burn season for CAW property will run from January to April, with prescribed fires occurring at any time during this season. Because specific weather and site conditions must be met before a prescribed burn can take place, exact burn dates are extremely difficult to forecast more than 24 hours in advance. When a prescribed burn is scheduled, CAW will send media releases, will post burn notices on our website (carkw.com) and on social media, and will directly notify those that have requested email notifications (see the notices section of the enclosed brochure).

CAW partners with specially trained crews from The Nature Conservancy, Arkansas Forestry Commission, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and others to plan, oversee, and conduct our prescribed fire activities. The number one goal of CAW and our partners during prescribed burns is safety of the burn crews, nearby neighbors, and all nearby property. CAW also ensures that our prescribed burns are completed in accordance with all applicable state and local regulations, including the Pulaski County Watershed Zoning Code.

If you have any questions about prescribed fire or any of CAW's natural resource management activities, please contact Raven Lawson, Watershed Protection Manager, at 501.223.1857 or at Raven.Lawson@carkw.com.

Thank you in advance for your support of these activities. We look forward to working with you to enhance the natural resources in the Lake Maumelle watershed while also protecting the drinking water for 400,000 individuals in central Arkansas.

See you in the watershed,

Raven L. Lawson
Watershed Protection Manager

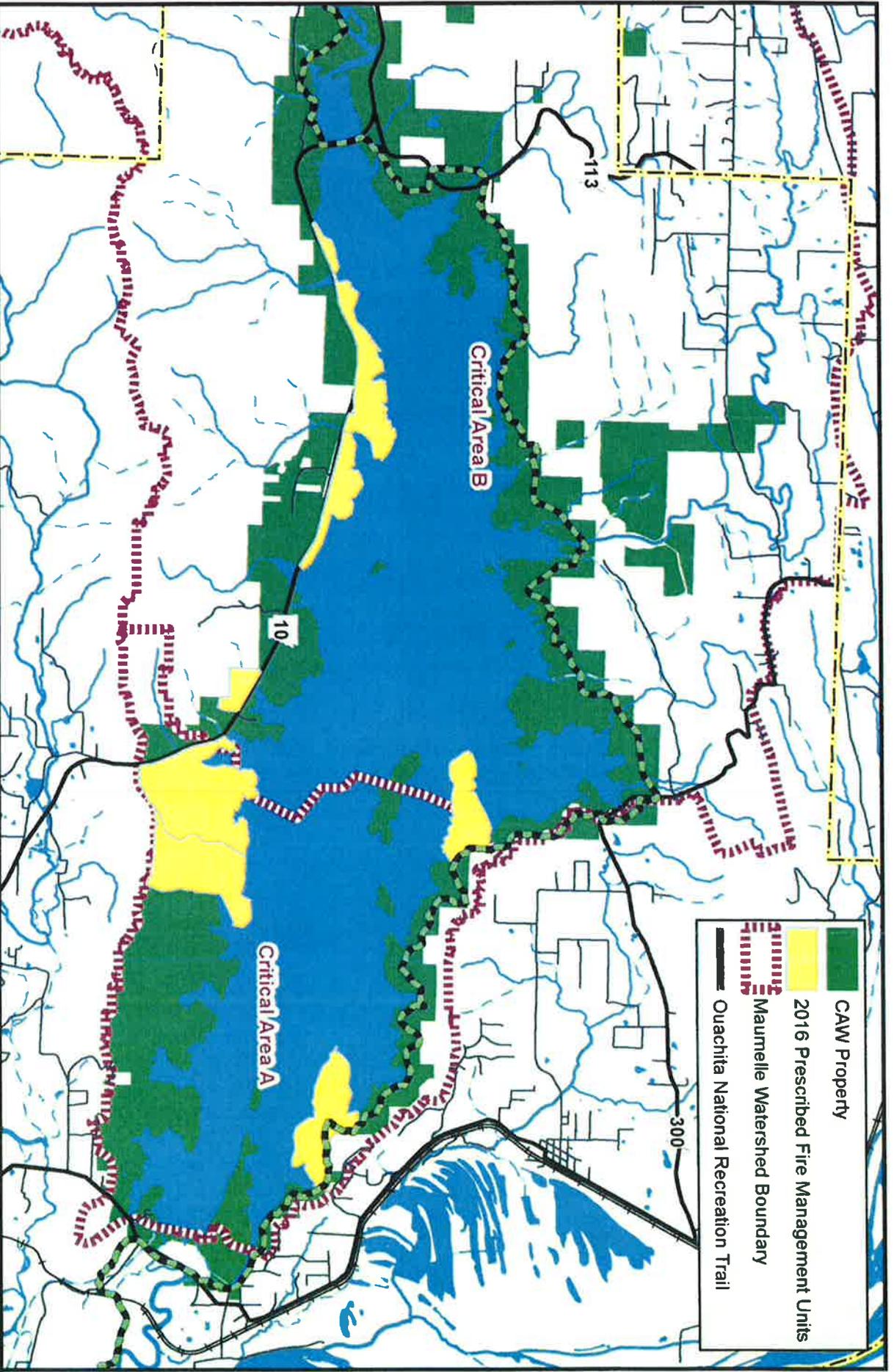
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	CAW Property
	2016 Prescribed Fire Management Units
	Maumelle Watershed Boundary
	Quachita National Recreation Trail

2016 Prescribed Fire Management Units

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