

Sextonville Sanitary District  
Richland County

January 18, 1977

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Recommendations

From the Sextonville discharge and for the remainder of Willow Creek the classification should be continuous fish and aquatic life.

The above recommendations represent a concurrence of opinion of the stream classification team who are as follows:

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Gene Van Dyck - Area Fish Manager  
Tom Bainbridge - District Biologist  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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