

**Windshield Survey of
Your Waterway's Health
Rural version (KDOW NPS approved for use, 2/06)**

Who: Members of your watershed group and other residents of the watershed:

Why: To find out where your waterway has pollution problems so they can be fixed.

When: (Two to three month information collection period) Months of survey: _____

What to do:

- 1) Write down a two-month diary of health observations about your waterway.
- 2) Keep these sheets and a pen in your car.
- 3) When you see one of the pollution problems on the list below, write down when and where you saw it, with a brief description of the problem.
- 4) **IMPORTANT!** Do NOT include landowner or family names – just provide the location.
- 5) Hand in this list at a future meeting.

Creek Health Problems to Look For

- **Mud, manure** running into the creek.
- **Erosion** or places where the creek bank has collapsed so that mud and rocks are getting into the creek.
- **Dumping** of waste, trash, dead animals, appliances, chemicals, into or next to the creek.
- **Dirt and other wastes** running off construction sites into the creek.
- **Logging or tree removal** where mud and discarded tree parts are getting into the creek.
- **Straight pipes** that dump human or industrial waste into the creek.
- **ATV trails** that are causing soil erosion, destruction of the creek's banks or creek bed.
- **Other creek health problems** that you spot!

Observations about Your Waterway

Date: _____

Your name: _____ Your waterway: _____

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