

Bullskin Creek watershed (051002-03-030)

Geography. The Bullskin Creek watershed lies in northeast Clay County and a corner of Leslie County. The land is in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field physiographic region, characterized by mountainous terrain, rapid surface runoff, and moderate rates of groundwater drainage. The watershed is underlain by coals, sandstones, and shales: this geology is generally conducive to productive wells, although water quality may be low for wells that draw from coal layers.

Waterways. Bullskin Creek empties into the South Fork Kentucky River close to Oneida. Among the creeks that feed it are Little Bullskin Creek, Meadow Branch, Barger Branch, Wiles Branch, and Long Branch.

Land and water use. Land in the watershed is rural and wooded. No businesses or organizations hold permits for discharges into the creeks. See the 2000 Assessment Report for full details.

Agency data assessment. The assessed creek segments in this watershed fully support their designated uses, based on biological and/or water-quality data. See the 2000 Assessment Report or 2000 305(b) list and the 2002 303(d) list of impaired streams for full details.

Kentucky River Basin Management Plan, 2002. Information is from the first basin cycle (1997-2002), including the 1998-1999 monitoring effort and the 2000 Assessment Report. See kywatersheds.org or www.uky.edu/WaterResources/Watersheds for the complete Assessment Report and Management Plan.

Watershed Restoration Ranking			Watershed Protection Rank	Overall Watershed Rank	Framework Mobilization Category
<i>Observed Impacts</i>	<i>Potential Impacts</i>	<i>Combined Rank</i>			
Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	IV

Watershed Highlights

Watershed covers 29 square miles.

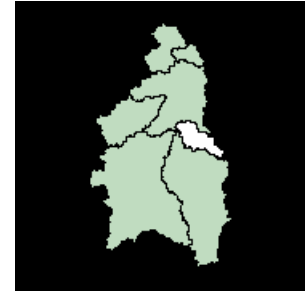
The potential for agricultural erosion is substantially higher than the basin average.

USFS has targeted this watershed for closure of illegal trails to off-road vehicles and for improvement of off-road vehicle routes that are eroding.

Watershed is in PRIDE service region. PRIDE identified 60 straight pipes or failing septic systems in the watershed.



South Fork Region



See the color map of this region on p. 125.

LEGEND

- Area of this watershed

- Sewage plants

- Public water supplies

- Other water withdrawals

- Locks & dams

- Cities and towns

- Rivers and larger streams

- Smaller streams

- County borders