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Plight of Basin spotlighted

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Members of Atchafalaya Basinkeeper will be paddling across the basin this week to raise awareness of environmental issues facing the area.

A group of seven will put in today at Catahoula Landing and emerge Wednesday afternoon at Bayou Sorrel.

"We want to call attention to issues facing the Basin," said Basinkeeper member Cara Leverett. "Our members will spend three days exploring and camping. We want to raise awareness and protect the Basin."

The group will be greeted with frigid temperatures during its expedition, with low temperatures predicted near freezing in south Louisiana for most of the week.

According to the group, threats to the area include:

- * Increased siltation that has turned cypress-tupelo swamps into dry bottomland hardwood forests;
- * Oil field canals dredging that has changed natural hydrology, accelerating siltation and creating water quality problems;
- * Lack of enforcement of environmental laws has contributed to pollution, further degradation of wetlands and diminished mitigation for permitted activities;
- * Logging of remaining cypress-tupelo swamps, which was started anew mainly to supply cypress mulch.

Atchafalaya Basinkeeper is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the ecosystems within the Atchafalaya Basin. It is allied with the Waterkeeper Alliance, which is a grassroots advocacy organization consisting of 170 local Waterkeeper programs and dedicated to preserving and protecting water from polluters.

"Each watershed should have a keeper," Leverett said.

Basinkeeper was formed in 2004 as "a permanent force to protect the Atchafalaya Basin's long term health and sustainability."

Waterkeeper Alliance provides a way for communities to stand up for their right to clean water and for the wise and equitable use of water resources, both locally and globally.

The vision of the Waterkeeper movement is for fishable, swimmable and drinkable waterways worldwide. Its belief is that the best way to achieve this vision is through the Waterkeeper method of grassroots advocacy.

To learn more about Atchafalaya Basinkeeper, visit www.basinkeeper.org. Dean Wilson is the executive director of the group, formed in 2004.

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