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I am writing to express my support for the addition of mountain bike trails in our community. I believe that this project will have a significant positive impact on our area. Bike trails that are already planned by the city in this area have been well received and these trails will complement the currently planned trails.

The addition of mountain bike trails will promote outdoor recreation and exercise for people of all ages. This will improve the health and well-being of our community members and provide an opportunity for families to spend quality time together. This will also spur the process of building biking infrastructure between parks and major hubs within our area, which will be a benefit to commuters, local families and visitors.

The trails will attract tourists and visitors to our town, boosting our local economy. Mountain biking is a popular sport that draws enthusiasts from all over the country. By providing high-quality trails, we can capitalize on this and allow more economic stability and growth in our area.

The development of mountain bike trails will promote environmental conservation and stewardship. By encouraging people to enjoy and appreciate our natural resources, we can raise awareness about the importance of protecting our environment for future generations. These proposed trails are on public land, land which is currently inaccessible by most people. These trails will allow access to this part of the Ouachita's by a greater percentage of the population. We should encourage use of public lands in a safe, environmentally friendly manner and I think this checks all of the right boxes.

I believe that the addition of mountain bike trails will have a positive impact on our community. I encourage the continuance of this project to help make our town an even better place to live, work, and play.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seth F. Smith".

Mayor Seth F. Smith