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US Forest Service  
Re: Trails at Mena - Project # 63649

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Mena Regional Health System to express our strong support for the proposed development of the Trails at Mena Project. As a health system dedicated to promoting the well-being of our residents, we recognize the significant benefits that such an initiative would bring to our area.

The creation of mountain bike trails aligns perfectly with our mission to enhance the health and quality of life of the people we serve. Encouraging outdoor activities and physical exercise is crucial in combating chronic diseases, reducing stress, and promoting overall mental and physical well-being. Mountain biking offers an excellent way for individuals of all ages and fitness levels to engage in regular physical activity while enjoying the natural beauty of our region.

Furthermore, the development of these trails can have a positive economic impact on our community. By attracting outdoor enthusiasts and tourists, we can boost local businesses, create job opportunities, and foster a greater sense of community pride. This initiative can position our area as a premier destination for outdoor recreation, drawing visitors from near and far.

Mena Regional Health System is committed to supporting this project in any way we can. We are eager to collaborate with local, state, and federal authorities, as well as community organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure the successful planning and implementation of the mountain bike trails. Our resources, expertise, and networks are at your disposal to help promote this initiative and its long-term sustainability.

We firmly believe that the construction of mountain bike trails will be a valuable asset to our community, fostering healthier lifestyles, enhancing economic growth, and showcasing the natural beauty of our surroundings. We are excited about the potential positive impact and look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

Thank you for your dedication to improving our community and for considering our support for this important initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any additional ways we can assist in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Wood", is written over a blue horizontal line.

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