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Trails at Mena Project  
USDA Forest Service  
Mena/Oden Ranger District  
Ouachita National Forest

To Whom it May Concern:

The creation of the Trails at Mena project is crucial to enhancing the quality of life for the area and has very strong support from many residents, business owners, and community leaders. Support of the project will foster growth of biking and walking in the area and have a positive effect on the entire community. The project will also greatly benefit Arkansas' 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, economically, by creating a dynamic international tourism destination and recruiting/retention opportunities for employers. Getting people of all ages off of screens and outside will offer greater health and mental health advantages. As the project area is all public land, there is no private land being sought.

I strongly support efforts by the City of Mena to implement the Trails at Mena project and understand this plan is crucial to Mena and Polk County's future. It provides a significant increase to tourism dollars, increases people's health and well-being, and provides needed recreation options, transportation flexibility, and participant safety.

Sincerely,

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