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Jan,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to our office to comment. Upon the initiation of the formal consultation for this project by the Ozark St. Francis National Forest, the Service reviewed potential project impacts and provided comments via email and the Programmatic Biological Consultation. I have no comments beyond those already shared with the Forest. Please let me know if there is anything else I can help with.

Thank you,  
Pedro Ardapple

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to inform you that the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Blanchard Springs Caverns Facilities Renovation Project is available for review and comment. It includes design features outlined in the BO for this project.

The Ozark-St. Francis National Forests are seeking comment at this juncture to determine if any new information relevant to this project needs to be considered. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) formal 30-day comment period on the Draft Environmental Assessment will begin the day after a legal notice publishes in the newspaper of record, *The Stone County Leader*, Mountain View, Arkansas. The tentative publication date for that legal notice is November 13, 2024.

Additional information on submitting a comment is provided in the attached letter. If you wish to provide a comment, the Forest's preferred method to do so is on-line. An on-line comment form is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/osfnf/?project=58732>. E-mailed or

hardcopy comments, if preferred, may still be sent to me at [jan.franks@usda.gov](mailto:jan.franks@usda.gov) or to my attention at the Sylamore Ranger District, 1001 East Main Street, Mountain View, Arkansas 72560. Please let me know if I may be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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