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Comments: Although I am not an Arkansas/Mena area resident, my family and I frequent Mena, Queen Whillimena and the Ouachita National Forest very often! We love the wilderness aspect of the forest, and the quaintness of Mena and the general area. After reviewing the proposals I must say that this idea is GENIUS and well overdue. The scenic drive is such a beautiful area to enjoy by car, but I would love to enjoy it by chairlift and via hiking trails, mountain biking, etc! I think it is a great idea to add these features and allow people to further enjoy the beautiful grand nature of the Ouachita National Forest.

If I may further suggest, I would love to see more roads cut and maintained in the Ouachita national Forest near Albert Pike, Twin Falls, Shady Lake area stretching towards Mena too -- that entire forest region had roads cut through at some point but so many bridges have been washed out or damaged, you can't really drive through most of the forest. Would like to see those areas reopened to provide overland camping opportunities and responsible exploration of such a beautiful forest.

Make it happen folks! Thanks for all you do!