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Comments: It is my opinion the Trails at Mena Project will have an overall positive impact upon the Ouachita National Forest, Queen Wilhelmina State Park, the City of Mena and Polk County. First, the project will enable the USFS to "to achieve quality land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept. " I believe the mountain bikers are likely to advocate a conservation ethic in line with the USFS and many locals. This is an ethic that promotes the health, bio-diversity, and beauty of the area. QWSP will also enjoy wider popularity as will the City of Mena. The economic impact to the City of Mena and even Polk County could be substantial. The Ouachita Forest, and especially the area under consideration includes some of the most beautiful landscapes between Appalachia and the Rocky Mountains. a mountain bike trail seems to be a responsible development of the area. It will open the area to those who appreciate the beauty of wilderness and previously were not aware this Shangri-La exists.