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Comments: I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed "Trails at Mena Project" on the Mena/Oden Ranger District of the Ouachita National Forest. As an avid mountain biker and a passionate advocate for outdoor recreation, I am confident that this project will have a tremendous positive impact on my life and the local community as a whole.

The unique and innovative gravity-oriented trail experience proposed by the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism-Division of Arkansas State Parks promises to attract a diverse range of outdoor enthusiasts and create a new and exciting way for people to engage with the beautiful Ouachita National Forest. The extensive network of natural surface trails, along with the uplift infrastructure, base portal, and support facilities, will not only improve access and enjoyment for users but also contribute to the long-term sustainability and stewardship of our public lands.

I am particularly excited about the potential economic and social benefits that the Trails at Mena Project can bring to our community. By attracting visitors and promoting outdoor recreation, this project will support local businesses, create job opportunities, and foster a deeper connection between people and the natural environment.

I understand that public involvement is crucial to ensuring the success and sustainability of this project, and I commend the US Forest Service for its commitment to engaging with the community and considering diverse perspectives. I hope that my support, along with that of my fellow outdoor enthusiasts, will encourage the responsible development and implementation of the Trails at Mena Project.

Once again, I strongly support the Trails at Mena Project and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our community and the Ouachita National Forest. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments and for your ongoing efforts to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for all.