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Currently I own land that connects to the NFS land for this proposed trail project. I have been an avid mountain bike rider since 83', and I am in full support of the proposed project. The trail system would exposed thousands to the beauty of the Ouachita Mountains, and would be an enormous boom to the economy of the city of Mena.

If the proposed lifts access was to become a reality the economic impact would be even more, as they would create a bike park that is not seen in the lower 48 or possibly the world. The draw would bring in cyclist for 100's of miles away consisting of the DFW metroplex, OKC, Tulsa, Kansas, and all of Arkansas.

I could not be more in support of this project and I strongly encourage the lift based system proposed.

Respectfully, Ben Thornton