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Comments: I am a former resident of Mena, having been born there and having practiced medicine there in the early 1980s. My family owns property in the county. I am opposed to the development of United States National Forest land for these kinds of recreational purposes. As you are aware, we have a biodiversity crisis, having lost well over 50% of the Earth's numbers of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and freshwater fishes since my 19th birthday in 1970. It has been well documented that we need to preserve more undeveloped areas to slow this biodiversity loss. Rich Mountain is special with respect to its biodiversity and its ecosystems need to stay intact. Thank You, Larry S Price, MD (ret)