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Comments: To construct any commercial mining be it underground or open pit would be too much for the area that is what makes this area. Just because all of the tourists drive in one ribbon of road below the proposed mining area out of site, doesn't mean that the local community won't notice. It is the only area we have to recreate adjacent to town. It is a 45 minute bicycle ride from town to drilling g sites, plus the roads and infrastructure would not fit appropriately.

Nobody cares about the handful of jobs it may bring. Would devalue all adjacent property values including those of entire Lawrence county.

It will be a huge waste of time and administrative resources since Lawrence county voters will take this to the ballot box and overwhelmingly vote this down one way or another. Will be a big waste for the mining interests and the USDA as a whole.

Not to mention the community that will be spending time and energy that would be spent elsewhere benefiting the area.

Our family of 6 spends 2 days a week traversing the area all 4 seasons and camps their 3 seasons. It is used far more than realized.

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