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Comments: I can't believe that in 2024 you are seriously considering allowing coal mining in the Ouachita National Forest. Mining millions of tons of coal and transporting it thousands of miles, both of which will increase CO2 output, and then burning it, which will increase CO2 output even more, not even counting other pollutants, in other countries with far fewer environmental controls than the US has, is a terrible idea.

The Ouachita National Forest is home to many endemic species, probably most notably the red cockaded woodpecker. Not a single species will be helped by this mining, and many will be adversely affected by the right of way and power line, not to mention potential poisoning from the mining itself and herbicide from creating the right of way.

The website of the coal mining company is extremely sketchy. Links don't work. I wouldn't trust this company to either mine responsibly or clean up afterward sufficiently. And who will be responsible if the company declares bankruptcy?

This is a scheme to benefit already-wealthy people who it looks like already live in other countries, and the industries in other countries. Arkansas is being used as a third-world state to supply the natural resources. The benefits to us will in no way exceed the costs to our environment.

I am opposed to this project.