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Comments: The project at Mena is a well-researched and well-planned project that involves all public land. The planning committee is diverse and has sought input along the path of developing the trail project during the past five years.

The trails will utilize city, national forest, and state park land that is not being utilized to enhance outdoor activities on the trails for hikers and bikers. It will give citizens and visitors the opportunity for additional outdoor recreation rather than being focused on electronic devices. It will bring visitors from around the country to our area, and they will discover other outdoor activities here that will motivate them to continue to return to the Mena, Polk and Montgomery Counties (3 EPIC trails).

The trails at Mena will enable families to be involved in biking since it will have a variety of skill levels. The volunteers who have worked on this idea for years have viewed it from a wide variety of perspectives and have sought plans which address the diverse use that will allow all users to enjoy their time on the trail. As an older citizen, I strongly support this project that will positively impact the community and lives of residents and visitors alike.