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Comments: As a natural resource professional for the past 43 years in Arkansas I adamantly oppose the proposed project Trails at Mena. I realize the multi-use management task of the USFS, but this type of project would seem to conflict with so many other resource uses such as hunting, hiking, timber harvests, and could potentially affect water quality due to erosion from so many miles of trails. The installation of permanent lift structures would also affect the aesthetics of the natural mountain scenery. This project seems to be appealing to a very small segment of potential users compared to the capital investment needed and the potential for resource degradation. In addition; when the mountain biking fad is over what cost would it be to remediate the area? If bike trails are permitted at this scale, what about ATV/UTV's. Or even ORV's? Where would you draw the line? This type of project seems better suited for private lands not those owned by the people of the US.