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Comments: I am in full support of the proposed bike trails in the Ouchita National Forest in the area of Mena.

This will give families, both local and visiting folks, more opportunities to experience activities in our beautiful national forest right here in our backyard while creating a healthy lifestyle, improving mental health, and folks physical health be it through biking, hiking, and walking the trails. I am pleased that the City of Mena is nearing completion of the Ward Lake Bike Trails thus indicating the commitment for bike trails for adults and youth a place to begin and advance their bike riding skills. This alone will get families outdoors and off their couches with time away for the youth and adults alike to get away from playing games, etc. with their electronic devices.

I am pleased that the trails are being constructed on all public land and not any private lands. This will also enhance our regions tourism economy as visitors from out of town as well as out of state will be drawn here for the bike trails. It has great potential to become a really big deal of the likes that many can not imagine. It is my belief that this can be accomplished with minimal environmental impact.

I feel confident this has been well researched and planned through the various agencies involved to make this a reality.

I am excited to see this opportunity become a reality.