Data Submitted (UTC 11): 7/12/2024 8:08:27 PM

First name: Bill Last name: Barnes Organization:

Title:

Comments: I believe very strongly that the Mena Downhill Bike Trail Complex will be a fantastic asset to the entire western section of the state including surrounding counties like Montgomery, Garland, Clark, Polk, etc. This complex will provide a wonderful nature-based healthy mountain bike adventure that will be a wonderful asset to our citizens' health and the economy of the area.

Because it's hospitality-based, it will provide many employment opportunities for a broad spectrum of Arkansans from entry level positions to management positions and will foster the development of many small family-owned businesses.

Mena is a wonderful rural Arkansas town with Arkansas friendly people. Our country needs more of this kind of environment. This is a perfect addition to Arkansas' hospitality product base, and will provide health and hospitality benefits to many age groups.

I urge you to support and approve this project.

Bill Barnes, President Tri-Pennant Family of Resorts