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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the Arkansas State Parks, Heritage, and Tourism-Division of State Parks (ASP) in their request for the issuance of a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a designated area of National Forest Service (NFS) Lands in Mena, Arkansas.

The proposed downhill bike park in Mena represents an opportunity to promote outdoor recreation, which we all know has positive impacts on physical health, mental well-being, and overall quality of life. Biking encourages individuals of all ages to engage in regular physical exercise, leading to healthier and happier communities.

Moreover, the establishment of a downhill bike park will serve as a catalyst for economic growth in Mena and surrounding areas. The construction and ongoing operation of the park are anticipated to create numerous jobs, ranging from trail construction and maintenance to hospitality and retail services. Additionally, the influx of visitors drawn to the park will stimulate local businesses, including restaurants, lodging facilities, and other tourism-related enterprises, thereby boosting the local economy.

In summary, the issuance of the Special Use Permit for the development of a downhill bike park in Mena, Arkansas, is a forward-thinking initiative that promises numerous benefits for our community. I wholeheartedly support this endeavor and encourage the United States Forest Service to approve this permit request. Together, we can create a healthier, more vibrant, and economically prosperous future for Mena and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration.