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Comments: Polk County the place where some but not many calls home. Me myself was born and raised in Polk County and find its vast never ending mountain ranges quite wonderful. I grew up at the foothills of rich mountain where I enjoyed hunting and fishing the little creeks through the forest. I have spent most of my childhood exploring these mountains, where I killed my first deer. As I know what benefits and growth what Mena would see out of this project. I would not like the trails of Mena to happen. Everybody is seeing the growth but nothing that we will lose! The ranges of rich mountain provide many thrill-seeking adventures without the trails! I have actually moved 3 miles from these mountains and enjoy taking my family to see the wildlife. I spend most of the end of summer, fall, and winter scouting for deer to running my dogs after squirrel, raccoons. During the spring I find myself encountering a black bear while scouting for turkeys. Please I encourage you to look at this project from both sides the negatives and the positives. Is Mena really built for this kind of influx of people or tourist? How is it going to affect the wildlife and the people that use this "National Forest" to provide for their families? As this project becomes a reality to many people. Some people fear that this is not the place for this kind of attraction! As a concerned citizen what will become of the regulations of this new "State Park". Will people still be able to pursue game to provide for their families as we were taught from our fathers and grandfathers. What about the impact to the turkey, bear, squirrel and deer population any animal really would be affected by this project. I am so glad to live in a small community where we really don't have to worry about the mass amount of people coming in for tourist attractions. I hope to keep it like this!