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Comments: I wish to join comments made by Ozark Society. Specifically: Alternative 3 for the Ward Park and Eaglet Zones, and Alternative 4 for the Fire Tower and State Park Zones.

I favor increased protections for native plants and animals, protections for water quality in streams, less road development on steep slopes, and protections for scenic views and the upper portions of Rich Mountain. I favor protection for the traditional uses for Queen Wilhelmina State Park and the Ouachita Trail.

I am disappointed no mention was made of consideration for protections of Neotropical Migratory Songbirds that have suffered significant population declines -- this project will add to the problems. The considerations of a range of native faunal and flora are woefully shallow in this document. The fact that numerous natural seep wetlands were not surveyed means the project could have negative impacts on rare native dragonflies (like Quachita Spiketail) that occur in these habitats.